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PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD IN

CHRIST CHURCH, RALEIGH,

On Thursday May 26, Friday May 27, Saturday May 28, and Monday
May 30,

1853.

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LIST OF CLERGY,

In the Diocese of North Carolina, entitled to Seats in the Convention.

- Rev. R. W. BARBER, Missionary, Wilkes and Iredell Counties, and parts adjacent.
- Rev. GEORGE BENTON, Rector of Christ Church, Rockfish, Cumberland County.
- Rev. JARVIS BUXTON, Rector of Trinity Church, Asheville.
- Rev. JOS. BLOUNT CHESHIRE, Rector of Calvary Church, Tarborough, and Trinity Church, Scotland Neck.
- Rev. THOS. F. DAVIS, Jr., Rector of the Church of the Holy Innocents, Henderson.
- Rev. J. B. DONNELLY, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough.
- Rev. R. B. DRANE, D. D., Rector of St. James's Church, Wilmington.
- Rev. F. FITZGERALD, Deacon, Church of the Saviour, Jackson, Northampton County.
- Rev. E. M. FORBES, Rector of Christ Church, Elizabeth City.
- Rev. EDWIN GEER, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Washington.
- Rev. W. N. HAWKS, Rector of Christ Church, Newbern.
- Rev. HORATIO HEWIT, Deacon, Calvary Church, Wadesborough.
- Rev. J. W. HOSKINS, St. Thomas's, Windsor, Bertie county.
- Rev. F. M. HUBBARD, Professor in the University of North Carolina.
- Rev. N. COLLIN HUGHES, Missionary, Pitt and Beaufort Counties.
- Rev. JOS. C. HUSKE, Rector of St. John's Church, Fayetteville.
- Rev. SAMUEL I. JOHNSTON, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Edenton.
- Rev. JAMES G. JACOBS, Missionary, St. Philip's Church, Mocksville, and parts adjacent.
- Rev. JOHN R. LEE, Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Leaksville.
- Rev. R. S. MASON, D. D., Rector of Christ Church, Raleigh.
- Rev. R. H. MASON, Deacon, Missionary, St. John's, Rutherfordton.
- Rev. T. S. W. MOTT, Charlotte and Lincolnton.
- Rev. JOSEPH W. MURPHY, Deacon, Minister, Grace Church, Morganton, and parts adjacent.
- Rev. A. F. OLMSTEAD, Rector of St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough, and St. Mark's, Chatham County.
- Rev. JNO. HAYWOOD PARKER, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Salisbury.
- Rev. CHARLES M. PARKMAN, Assistant, St. Paul's Church, Edenton.
- Rev. H. H. PROUT, Missionary, Lenoir County, and parts adjacent.
- Rev. JOS. JAS. RIDLEY, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Oxford, St. Paul's, Louisburg, and St. James's, Granville.
- Rev. GEORGE PATTERSON, Deacon, Grace Church, Plymouth.
- Rev. A. F. N. ROLE, Deacon, St. Thomas's, Craven.
- Rev. ALDERT SMEDES, Rector of St. Mary's School, Raleigh.
- Rev. WM. E. SNOWDEN, Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Hertford, Perquimons County, and Missionary in parts adjacent.
- Rev. W. W. SKILES, Deacon, Watauga County.
- Rev. LEWIS TAYLOR, Granville County.

Rev. ALFRED A. WATSON, Rector of Grace Church, Plymouth, and St. Luke's, Washington County.

Rev. J. T. WHEAT, D. D., Rector of Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill, and Professor in the University of N. Carolina.

The Rev. Messrs. Benton, Hughes, Prout, Donnelly, Murphy, Patterson and Taylor, were absent from this Convention.

LAY DELEGATES.

*GEORGE E. BADGER,	}	Christ Church, Raleigh.
*Dr. CHAS. E. JOHNSON,		
*JOHN H. BRYAN,		
*GEO. W. MORDECAI,		
*GEORGE GREEN,	}	St. Thomas's Chapel, Craven County.
W. CARMAN,		
*BENJAMIN GREEN,		
W. D. WADSWORTH,		
HENRY S. LLOYD,	}	Church of the Advent, Williamston.
JOHN HYMAN,		
B. F. HALSEY,		
*S. C. BENJAMIN,		
JOSEPH BONNER,	}	St. Thomas's, Bath.
H. G. HOLTON,		
GEO. W. ODEN,		
W. R. BOYD,		
W. H. ODEN,	}	" " Alternates.
A. W. HAMMOND,		
*Dr. JNO. F. TOMPKINS,		
*Dr. S. J. BAKER,	}	Trinity Church, Scotland Neck.
*RICHARD H. SMITH,		
WILL. R. SMITH,		
JAMES N. SMITH,		
*R. L. SMITH,	}	" " " " Alternates.
*PETER E. SMITH,		
*RICHARD B. CREECY,	}	Christ Church, Elizabeth City.
WILL. F. MARTIN,		
*JAMES J. IREDELL,		
LUCIUS J. JOHNSON,		
Dr. S. D. GRICE,	}	" " " " Alternates.
JAMES M. POOL,		
Dr. R. PIEMONT,		
FRANCIS VAUGHAN,		

Dr. M. PAGE,
 Dr. W. C. WARREN,
 *E. C. HINES,
 *J. A. BENBURY,

} St. Paul's Church, Edenton.

A. DIXON,
 *Dr. EDWARD WARREN,
 T. C. MANNING,
 JOHN SKINNER,

} " " " Alternates.

Col. WM. WALTON,
 JOHN COLLETT,
 THOS. G. WALTON,
 JOHN H. MURPHY,

} Grace Church, Morganton.

LEWIS C. DESMOND,
 *ANTHONY SEPARK,
 RICHARD N. FORBES,
 *HENRY F. COBB,

} St. Mary's Church, Kinston.

ELI HOYT,
 B. RUNYON,
 W. L. KENNEDY,
 *JAS. E. HOYT,

} St. Peter's, Washington.

JOSIAH COLLINS,
 A. L. CHESSON,
 HENRY DOWNING,
 JOHN GOELET,

} St. Luke's Parish, Washington County.

*ROBERT STRANGE,
 *CHARLES T. HAIGH,
 *EDWARD LEE WINSLOW,
 *EDWARD J. HALE,

} St. John's Church, Fayetteville.

*JOS. H. LAUGHINGHOUSE,
 *ISRAEL HARDING,
 *FREDERICK HARDING,
 *HENRY M. PATRICK,

} Trinity Parish, Beaufort County.

*W. H. BATTLE,
 Dr. J. B. JONES,
 *A. MICKLE,
 *E. MALLETT,

} Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill.

*J. T. WHEAT, Jr.,
 HUGH WADDELL,
 J. CRAIG,
 M. FETTER,

} " " " Alternates.

WILLIAM LOCKE,
 CHARLES F. FISHER,
 G. A. MILLER,
 Dr. JNO. SWANN,

} St. Luke's Church, Salisbury.

WILLIAM PATTON,
 JAS. W. PATTON,
 ALEX. ROBERTSON,

} Trinity Church, Asheville.

- *JOHN McC. BOYLE, }
 FRANKLIN FAGAN, } Grace Church, Plymouth.
 EDWARD W. JONES, }
 W. A. LITTLEJOHN, }
- JACOB CORRELL, }
 *JOHN RICE, } St. Andrew's Church, Rowan County.
 JOS. C. MCKNIGHT, }
 W. T. THOMASSON, }
- *WILL. HEATHMAN, " " " " Alternate.
- *GEORGE N. EVANS, }
 ROBERT C. MILLER, } Church of the Holy Cross, Watauga.
 NOAH MOST, }
- *B. J. SPRUILL, }
 *Dr. TURNER WILSON, } St. Thomas's, Windsor.
 *H. B. HARDY, }
 *Dr. B. F. ARRINGTON, }
- JOS. B. G. ROULHAC, }
 L. S. WEBB, } " " Alternates.
 W. G. PARKER, }
 F. W. BYRD, }
- *Dr. F. J. HILL, }
 *Dr. JNO. H. HILL, } Old St. Philip's, Smithville.
 O. D. HOLMES, }
 PHILIP PRIOLEAU, }
- *THOMAS HILL, }
 *JNO. H. HAUGHTON, } St. Bartholomew's, Pittsborough.
 *HENRY A. LONDON, }
 M. Q. WADDELL, }
- P. G. EVANS, }
 R. G. FRASIER, } St. Mark's, Deep River.
 JNO. W. HOOKER, }
 *L. J. HAUGHTON, }
- *Dr. JAS. P. BRYAN, }
 THOMAS DAVIS, } St. Paul's Church, Greenville.
 W. T. MARSH, }
 CHARLES GREEN, Jr., }
- JOHN S. EATON, }
 J. D. HAWKINS, Sr., } Church of the Holy Innocents, Henderson.
 ROBT. P. HUGHES, }
 R. H. KINGSBURY, }
- *PHIL. B. HAWKINS, } " " " " Alternates.
 PROTHEUS E. A. JONES, }
- *WILLIAM A. EATON, }
 Dr. Z. M. PASCHALL, } St. James's Church, Granville.
- *HENRY K. BURGWIN, }
 *D. A. BARNES, } Church of the Saviour, Northampton Co.
 Dr. WM. BARROW, }

- *JAMES H. TAYLOR,
R. A. HAMILTON,
CHARLES E. HAMILTON,
P. H. THOMAS, } St. John's Church, Williamsborough.
- *THOMAS RUFFIN,
J. L. BAILEY,
*CADWALLADER JONES, Sr.,
*E. D. MCNAIR, } St. Matthew's, Hillsborough.
- *BENJ. R. HUSKE, } " " Alternates.
PRIDE JONES, }
- *M. W. JARVIS,
*JOHN DAVES,
J. C. JUSTICE,
JNO. H. BRYAN, Jr., } Christ Church, Newbern.
- *THOS. H. WRIGHT,
JAS. S. GREEN,
*J. G. WRIGHT,
A. A. BROWN, } St. James's Church, Wilmington.
- *A. J. DEROSSET, Jr.,
*C. W. BRADLEY,
L. LANE,
S. J. PERSON, } " " " Alternates.
- Dr. A. RAMSOUR,
J. F. HOKE,
H. W. GUION,
*W. WILLIAMSON, } St. Luke's Church, Lincolnton.
- Dr. E. T. BRODNAX,
Dr. A. B. JOHNSON,
*ROBERT BRODNAX,
RAWLEY GALLOWAY, } Church of the Epiphany, Leaksville.
- *DANIEL TURNER,
*JOHN WHITE,
*Dr. THOMAS E. WILSON,
*THOS. A. MONTGOMERY, } Emmanuel Church, Warrenton.
- *R. KINGSBURY,
*JASPER HICKS,
*L. A. PASCHALL,
*E. H. HICKS, } St. Stephen's, Oxford.
- Dr. W. R. HOLT,
Dr. W. D. LINDSAY,
ANDERSON ELLIS, } Church of the Redemption, Lexington.
- BENJ. S. SKINNER,
ALBERT ELLIOTT,
Dr. JOS. T. SMITH, } Church of the Holy Trinity, Hertford.
- *Dr. WALTER G. JONES,
E. COOLEY,
*ROBT. T. HALL,
*WM. E. TROY, } Calvary Church, Wadesborough.

JESSE NOBLE,
 WILL. A. PUGH, } St. John's Parish, Pitt County.
 LEWIS B. PUGH, }

*Col. ANDREW JOYNER, }
 F. S. MARSHALL, } St. Mark's Church, Halifax.
 *J. B. BATCHELOR, }
 B. F. SIMMONS, }

AMASA ALDEN, }
 DAVID TORRENCE, } Christ Church, Rockfish.
 KENAN PHILIPS, }
 ELI MEMORY, }

W. T. DAVIDSON, }
 Dr. L. G. JONES, } St. Peter's Church, Charlotte.
 B. H. DAVIDSON, }

JOURNAL.

CHRIST CHURCH, RALEIGH, MAY 26, 1853.

This being the day and the place for the meeting of 37th Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of North Carolina, the attending Clergy and Laity assembled in Christ Church for the purpose of organising the Convention.

No Bishop of the Diocese being present, the Secretary of the last year called the members to order.

On motion, the Rev. R. S. Mason, D. D., was called to the Chair.

The Secretary called the list of the Clergy, and the following were present and took their seats as members of the Convention:

Rev. R. W. BARBER.
Rev. JARVIS BUXTON.
Rev. JOS. BLOUNT CHESHIRE.
Rev. THOMAS F. DAVIS, Jr.
Rev. R. B. DRANE, D. D.
Rev. F. FITZGERALD.
Rev. E. M. FORBES.
Rev. E. GEER.
Rev. W. N. HAWKS.
Rev. F. M. HUBBARD.
Rev. JOS. C. HUSKE.
Rev. SAM'L I. JOHNSTON.
Rev. JAS. G. JACOBS.
Rev. JNO. R. LEE.

Rev. R. S. MASON, D. D.
Rev. R. H. MASON.
Rev. T. S. W. MOTT.
Rev. A. F. OLNSTEAD.
Rev. JNO. HAYWOOD PARKER.
Rev. CHAS. M. PARKMAN.
Rev. JOS. JAS. RIDLEY.
Rev. ARTHUR F. N. ROLFE.
Rev. A. SMEDES.
Rev. W. E. SNOWDEN.
Rev. A. A. WATSON.
Rev. J. T. WHEAT, D. D.
Rev. J. W. HOSKINS.

Certificates of Lay Delegation were called for, laid on the Secretary's table, and read, from which it appeared that the following Churches had elected Delegates to this Convention:

Christ Church, Raleigh.—George E. Badger, Dr. Chas. E. Johnson, John H. Bryan, Geo. W. Mordecai.

St. Thomas's Chapel, Craven County.—George Green, W. Carman, Benjamin Green, W. D. Wadsworth.

Church of the Advent, Williamston.—Henry S. Lloyd, John Hyman, B. F. Halsey, S. C. Benjamin.

St. Thomas's, Bath.—Joseph Bonner, H. G. Hilton, Geo. W. Oden, W. R. Boyd; and W. H. Oden, A. W. Hammond, Dr. John F. Tompkins, Alternates.

Trinity Church, Scotland Neck.—Dr. S. J. Baker, Richard H. Smith, Will. R. Smith, James N. Smith. And the following Alternates: R. L. Smith, Peter E. Smith.

Christ Church, Elizabeth City.—Richard B. Creecy, Will. F. Martin, James J. Iredell, Lucius J. Johnson. Alternates: Dr. S. D. Grice, James M. Pool, Dr. R. Piemont, Francis Vaughan.

St. Paul's Church, Edenton.—Dr. M. Page, Dr. W. C. Warren, E. C. Hines, J. A. Benbury. Alternates: A. Dixon, Dr. Edward Warren, T. C. Manning, John Skinner.

Grace Church, Morganton.—Col. Wm. Walton, John Collett, Thos. G. Walton, John H. Murphy.

St. Mary's Church, Kiuston.—Lewis C. Desmond, Anthony Separk, Richard N. Forbes, Henry F. Cobb.

St. Peter's, Washington.—Eli Hoyt, B. Runyon, W. L. Kennedy, Jas. E. Hoyt.

St. Luke's Parish, Washington County.—Josiah Collins, A. L. Chesson, Henry Downing, John Goelet.

St. John's Church, Fayetteville.—Chas. T. Haigh, Robt. Strange, E. L. Winslow, E. J. Hale.

Trinity Parish, Beaufort County.—Jos. H. Laughinghouse, Israel Harding, Frederick Harding, Henry M. Patrick.

Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill.—W. H. Battle, Dr. J. B. Jones, A. Mickle, E. Mallett, J. T. Wheat, Jr.

St. Luke's Church, Salisbury.—William Locke, Charles F. Fisher, G. A. Miller, Dr. Jno. Swann.

Grace Church, Plymouth.—John McC. Boyle, Franklin Fagan, Edward W. Jones, W. A. Littlejohn.

St. Andrew's Church, Rowan County.—Jacob Correll, John Rice, Jos. C. McKnight, W. T. Thomasson. Alternate: Will. Heathman.

Trinity Church, Asheville.—William Patton, Jas. W. Patton, Alex. Robertson.

Church of the Holy Cross, Watauga.—George N. Evans, Robert C. Miller, Noah Most.

St. Thomas's, Windsor.—B. J. Spruill, Dr. Turner Wilson, H. B. Hardy, Dr. B. F. Arrington. Alternates: Jos. B. G. Roulhae, L. S. Webb, W. G. Parker, F. W. Byrd.

Old St. Philip's, Smithville.—Dr. F. J. Hill, Dr. Jno. H. Hill, O. D. Holmes, Philip Prioleau.

St. Bartholomew's, Pittsborough.—Thomas Hill, Jno. H. Haughton, Henry A. London, M. Q. Waddell.

St. Mark's, Deep River.—P. G. Evans, R. G. Frasier, Jno. W. Hooker, L. J. Haughton.

St. Paul's Church, Greenville.—Dr. Jas. P. Bryan, Thomas Davis, W. T. Marsh, Charles Green, Jr.

Church of Holy Innocents, Henderson.—John S. Eaton, J. D. Hawkins, Sr., Robt. P. Hughes, R. H. Kingsbury. Alternates: Phil. B. Hawkins, Protheus E. A. Jones.

St. John's Church, Williamsborough.—James H. Taylor, R. A. Hamilton, Charles E. Hamilton, P. H. Thomas.

St. James's Church, Granville.—William A. Eaton, Dr. Z. M. Paschall.

St. Matthew's, Hillsborough.—Thomas Ruffin, J. L. Bailey, Cadwalader Jones, Sr., E. D. McNair. Alternates: Benj. R. Huske, Pride Jones.

Christ Church, Newbern.—M. W. Jarvis, John Daves, J. C. Justice, Jno. H. Bryan, Jr.

St. James's Church, Wilmington.—Thos. H. Wright, Jas. S. Green, J. G. Wright, A. A. Brown. Alternates: A. J. DeRosset, Jr., C. W. Bradley, L. Lane, S. J. Person.

Of whom the following took their seats as members of the Convention: John H. Bryan, G. E. Badger, Dr. Charles E. Johnson, G. W. Mordecai, S. C. Benjamin, Dr. S. J. Baker, Richard H. Smith, Rich'd B. Creecy, James J. Iredell, J. A. Benbury, Dr. Edward Warren, E. C. Hines, Anthony Separk, Jas. E. Hoyt, Chas. T. Haigh, Robt. Strange, E. L. Winslow, E. J. Hale, Jos. H. Laughinghouse, Israel Harding, Frederick Harding, Henry M. Patrick, W. H. Battle, A. Mickle, John McC. Boyle, John Rice, Dr. Turner Wilson, F. J. Hill, Thomas Hill, John H. Haughton, Henry A. London, Dr. Jas. P. Bryan, James H. Taylor, William A. Eaton, Thomas Ruffin, E. D. McNair, John Daves, Thomas H. Wright, A. J. DeRosset, Jr., Chas. W. Bradley.

The Convention was declared organised.

On motion, the Rev. Dr. R. S. Mason was unanimously elected President of the Convention for the ensuing year.

On motion, Edward Lee Winslow was unanimously elected Secretary for the ensuing year.

On motion, the Rules of Order of the last Convention were adopted to govern the deliberations of this Convention.

On motion, Resolved, That Ministers of this Church, not members of this Convention, and Candidates for Orders in this Diocese, be invited to take seats as honorary members of this Convention.

On motion, the Convention took a recess to attend Morning Service.

Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. A. A. Watson; the Rev. Dr. Mason read the Ante-Communion Service. The Convention Sermon was preached by the Rev. A. F. Olmstead, from the 30th chapter of Isaiah, 15th verse.

After Service, the Convention was called to order.

Certificates of Delegation were handed in and read, and the following Churches had elected Delegates to this Convention:

Church of the Saviour, Northampton County.—Henry K. Burgwyn, D. A. Barnes, Dr. Wm. Barrow.

St. Luke's Church, Lincolnton.—Dr. A. Ramsour, J. F. Hoke, H. W. Guion, W. Williamson.

Of whom W. Williamson took his seat.

The following Certificates of Delegation were handed in and read, and the following Churches had elected Delegates to this Convention:

Church of the Epiphany, Leaksville.—Dr. E. T. Brodnax, Dr. A. B. Johnson, Robert Brodnax, Rawley Galloway.

Emmanuel Church, Warrenton.—Daniel Turner, John White, Dr. Thomas E. Wilson, Thos. A. Montgomery.

St. Stephen's, Oxford.—R. Kingsbury, Jasper Hicks, L. A. Paschall, E. H. Hicks.

Of whom the following took seats as members of the Convention: R. Kingsbury, Robert Brodnax, Thomas A. Montgomery.

On motion of E. J. Hale,

Resolved, That in the absence of the Treasurer of the Convention, Charles T. Haigh be requested to act as Treasurer during this Convention.

A resolution was introduced by Dr. F. J. Hill, proposing the appointment of a Committee in relation to the present condition of the Church in the Diocese. After some discussion, it was withdrawn, to await the Report of the Standing Committee.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to 5 o'clock P. M., to meet in the old Church.

5 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Certificates of Lay Delegation were handed in and read, and the following Churches had elected Delegates to this Convention:

Church of the Redemption, Lexington.—Dr. W. R. Holt, Dr. W. D. Lindsay, Anderson Ellis.

Church of the Holy Trinity, Hertford.—Benj. S. Skinner, Albert Elliott, Dr. Jos. T. Smith.

Calvary Church, Wadesborough.—Dr. W. G. Jones, E. Cooley, R. T. Hall, W. E. Troy.

St. John's Parish, Pitt County.—Jesse Noble, Will. A. Pugh, Lewis B. Pugh.

Of whom R. T. Hall, W. E. Troy, and Dr. W. G. Jones took seats as members of the Convention.

Rev. H. Hewett, a Clerical member of the Convention, appeared and took his seat.

On motion, Resolved, That the Standing Committee of the Diocese be called on for their Report.

Whereupon, the Rev. Dr. Mason, the President of the Committee, submitted the following Report:

REPORT of the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee respectfully report, that during the past Conventional year they have performed the following acts;

On the ninth of August 1852, they granted testimonials to R. H. Mason, desirous of receiving Deacon's Orders; and to Samuel S. Barber, desirous of being received as a Candidate for Orders.

On the eleventh of Oct. 1852, the testimonials required by the fifth Canon of 1832 were signed on behalf of the Rev. Jonathan M. Wainwright, D. D. D. C. L. Provisional Bishop elect of the Diocese of New York.

On Dec. 30th, testimonials were granted to the Rev. Peyton Gallagher, Deacon, desirous of receiving Priest's Orders; and at his request, it was ordered that application be made to the Rt. Rev. Stephen Elliott, D. D., Bishop of Georgia, to ordain him to the Priesthood, if on examination he be found duly qualified for the same.

Letters dimissory to the Bishop of Maryland were, at his request, granted to Jas. A. Harrell, M. D., a Candidate for Orders in this Diocese.

On the 28th of Feb'y, Letters dimissory to the Bishop of Mississippi were granted, at his request, to the Rev. J. A. Shepherd, a Presbyter of this Diocese.

On the 16th of April 1853, Letters dimissory from the Bishop of Delaware, on behalf of the Rev. Jas. W. Hoskins, late Presbyter of Delaware, were received, and Mr. Hoskins has become Canonically resident in this Diocese.

Testimonials were granted to Mr. C. H. Albert, late a Minister of the German Reformed denomination, but desirous of being admitted a Candidate for Orders in this Church and Diocese.

On the 11th of May, testimonials were granted to the Rev. Frederick Fitzgerald, Deacon, desirous of receiving Priest's Orders. Letters dimissory to the Bishop of Alabama were granted, at his request, to the Rev. Peyton Gallagher, Presbyter.

The accompanying papers, (marked A, B, C, and D,) received by the Committee, are submitted for the consideration of this Convention. To the first request contained in paper A, the Standing Committee gave their assent, and ascertaining from the Treasurer of the Diocese that the sum of \$912 was available, they advised that the same be paid over to the applicant in advance of his salary.

R. S. MASON, Pres't of St. Committee.

Documents accompanying the above Report.

[A.]

RALEIGH, Sept. 27, 1852.

To the Standing Committee of the Diocese of North Carolina:

Dear Brethren: Feeling it to be my duty, from the state of the health of Mrs. Ives and myself, to request an absence of six months from the Diocese, and an allowance of \$1000 in advance on my salary to enable us to travel, I addressed a letter to the several parishes, making this request, and now submit the result to yourselves as my canonical advisers,—which result is much less full at this date than it will doubtless be on the 5th of next month—that being the time on which I requested an answer to my communication. Circumstances, however, having arisen to hasten my departure, I take this early opportunity to

ask your official concurrence with the sentiments of the Vestries thus far expressed, and (1) consent to my absence for six months from the 1st of November; and (2) consent to my drawing on the Treasurer of the Diocese for one thousand dollars in advance on my salary.

With sentiments of the most affectionate regard,

I remain, Brethren,

Your faithful friend and serv't in the Lord,

L. SILLIMAN IVES.

[B.]

LIST of the Clergy of the Diocese of North Carolina, Sept. 29, 1852.

Rt. Rev. L. Silliman Ives, D. D., LL. D.

Rev. R. W. Barber.

" George Benton.

" Jarvis Buxton.

" Jos. B. Cheshire.

" Thomas F. Davis, Jr.

" J. B. Donnelly.

" R. B. Drane, D. D.

" Fred. Fitzgerald, *Deacon*—has been so one year.

" E. M. Forbes.

" Peyton Gallagher, *Deacon*— " " "

" E. Geer.

" W. N. Hawks.

" Horatio Hewit, *Deacon*.

" F. M. Hubbard.

" N. Collin Hughes.

" J. C. Huske.

" Sam'l I. Johnston.

" James G. Jacocks.

" John R. Lee.

" R. S. Mason, D. D.

" R. H. Mason, *Deacon*.

" T. S. W. Mott.

" J. W. Murphy, *Deacon*—has been so one year.

" A. F. Olmstead.

" John H. Parker.

" Chas. M. Parkman.

" H. H. Prout.

" Jos. J. Ridley.

" George Patterson, *Deacon*—under Canon of 1847.

" A. T. N. Rolf, *Deacon*— " " "

" J. Avery Shepherd.

" A. Smedes.

" W. E. Snowden.

" W. W. Skiles, *Deacon*— " " "

" Lewis Taylor.

" A. A. Watson.

" J. T. Wheat, D. D.

LIST of Candidates for Holy Orders, with the time of their admission.

Richard Hines,	Admitted	Feb'y 20, 1851.
James T. Pickett,	"	Aug. 20, 1851.
James Norwood,	"	" " " under Canon of 1847.
James A. Harrell,	"	Feb'y 3, 1852, from Methodist Min'y.
Benj. Swan Bronson,	"	May 6, 1852.
Jno. Beckwith, Jr.	"	Sept. 30, 1852.

[C.]

I hereby authorize the Standing Committee of North Carolina, in my absence from the Diocese, to invite any Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States to perform Episcopal duty in my place.

L. SILLIMAN IVES,
Bishop of North Carolina.

Raleigh, Sept. 30, 1852.

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ROME, Dec. 22d, 1852.

*For the Convention of the**Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of N. Carolina:*

Dear Brethren: Some of you, at least, are aware that for years, doubts of the validity of my office as Bishop, have at times harassed my mind and greatly enfeebled my action. At other times, it is true, circumstances have arisen to overrule these doubts and to bring to my mind temporary relief. But it has been only temporary; for, in spite of my resolutions to abandon the reading and the use of Catholic Books—in spite of earnest prayers and entreaties that God would protect my mind against the disturbing influence of Catholic truth—and in spite of public and private professions and declarations, which in times of suspended doubt, I sincerely made, to shield myself from suspicion and win back the confidence of my Diocese, which had been well nigh lost,—in spite of all this and of many other considerations, which would rise up before me as the necessary consequence of suffering my mind to be carried forward in the direction in which my doubts pointed, these doubts would again return with increased and almost overwhelming vigor—goading me at times to the very borders of derangement. Under these doubts I desired temporary repose from duties that had become disquieting to me, and determined to accompany Mrs. Ives, whose health demanded a change of climate, in a short absence abroad. But absence has brought no relief to my mind. Indeed the doubts that disturbed it have grown into clear and settled *convictions*—so clear and settled, that without a violation of conscience and honor and every obligation of duty to God and His Church, I can no longer remain in my position. I am called upon therefore to do an act of self-sacrifice, in view of which all other self-sacrificing acts of my life are less than nothing—called upon to sever the ties, which have been strengthened by long years of love and forbearance—which have bound my heart to many of you as was David's to that of Jonathan—and make that heart bleed as my hand traces the sentence which separates all Pastoral rela-

tion between us—and conveys to you the knowledge that I hereby *re-sign* into your hands my office as Bishop of North Carolina,—and further, that I am determined to make my submission to the Catholic Church.

In addition, (my feelings will allow me only to say,) that as this act is earlier than any perception of my own, and antedates by some months, the expiration of the time for which I asked leave of absence, and for which I so promptly received from members of your body an advance of salary, I hereby renounce all claim upon the same, and acknowledge myself bound, on an intimation of your wish, to return whatever you may have advanced to me beyond this 22d day of December.

With continued affection and esteem, I pray you to allow me still to subscribe myself, your faithful friend,

L. SILLIMAN IVES.

Which being read, together with the accompanying documents, on motion of Mr. J. H. Haughton, the Report was laid on the table.

Mr. Haughton introduced the following resolution, which was read:

Whereas, Dr. Levi Silliman Ives has declared, by a letter addressed to the Convention, his final abandonment of the Protestant Episcopal Church in North Carolina:

Resolved, That the said abandonment has created a vacancy in the Episcopate in this Diocese.

Resolved, That this Convention will, at 10 o'clock A. M. Saturday, proceed to fill said vacancy.

On motion, Resolved, That the resolution, with the Report of the Standing Committee and the documents, be referred to a Select Committee to report to-morrow, and that their Report be made the order of the day.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the resolution was reconsidered.

The following preamble and resolutions were read to the Convention by E. L. Winslow:

Whereas, by the Report of the Standing Committee and the documents therewith submitted, Levi S. Ives did, on the 22d day of December 1852, apostatize to the Church of Rome, thereby rendering his separation from the Protestant Episcopal Church complete, as far as in his power:

Resolved, That the Episcopate of North Carolina is vacant by the abandonment of the same by the late Bishop thereof.

Resolved, That this Convention will proceed, on Saturday the 28th, at 9 o'clock, to fill the vacancy thus made, by the election of some suitable person as Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina.

Resolved, that a committee, consisting of two Clergymen and three Laymen, be appointed, whose duty it shall be to prepare carefully, after the adjournment of this Convention, a full statement of the facts in relation to the case of the late Bishop of the Diocese, L. S. Ives, and make report of the same to the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and also make a copy of the same Report, with the action of the General Convention thereon, to the next annual Convention of the Church in this Diocese.

On motion of Mr. Strange,

Resolved, That the resolutions of Mr. Haughton, the Report of the Standing Committee, and the accompanying documents, be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of five Clergymen and five Laymen, with instructions to consider and report.

On motion, Resolved, That the resolutions introduced by Mr. Winslow be referred to the Select Committee.

The President appointed the following to compose the said Committee: Rev. R. B. Drane, D. D., Rev. Edwin Geer, Rev. T. S. W. Mott, Rev. J. T. Wheat, D. D., Rev. A. A. Watson; Thomas Ruffin, G. E. Badger, Dr. F. J. Hill, Jno. H. Haughton, Robert Strange.

The following were announced as the Standing Committees of this Convention:

Committee on the State of the Church.—Rev. S. I. Johnston, Rev. A. F. Olmstead, Rev. A. Smedes, Rev. Jos. Blount Cheshire, Rev. F. M. Hubbard.

Committee of Finance.—Rev. W. N. Hawks, Rev. J. R. Lee, of the Clergy; G. W. Mordecai, W. H. Battle, A. J. DeRosset, Jr., of the Laity.

Committee on the Admission of New Congregations.—Rev. Messrs. Forbes, Ridley and Snowden, of the Clergy; Messrs. Thos. H. Wright and Richard H. Smith, of the Laity.

Missionary Committee.—Rev. Messrs. Parker, Buxton and Davis, of the Clergy; Messrs. Hale, Hoyt and Boyle, of the Laity.

The Parochial Reports were called for, handed in, and referred to the Committee on the State of the Church, as follows:

CHRIST CHURCH, RALEIGH.

Rev. R. S. Mason, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white	5
Confirmations—White	9
Communicants—Number last year 102; added by first Communion, white 9; ditto by removal, white 2; lost by death, white 3; ditto by removal, white 3; ditto by withdrawal, colored 2; total now,	104
Marriages—White 3, colored 1,	4
Funerals—White	7
Contributions—Diocesan Missions, by weekly offerings,	\$210 00
Bishop's Salary, in other ways,	210 00
Relief Fund, by weekly offerings,	40 00
Domestic Missions, " "	60 00
Foreign Missions, " "	15 00
Parochial objects, " "	159 14
Total,	<hr/> \$694 14

In consequence of the want of Sunday School Teachers, the attendance of Catechumens has been irregular, and the number not accurately ascertained.

During the past year this Parish has been much afflicted in the loss of some of its most influential members. But through the mercy of God, these sorrows have not been unattended with counteracting causes of rejoicing. The Parish has been able, after many difficulties and delays, to complete, with the exception of the steeple, a new Church, which is much admired for its architectural beauty. The design was furnished by Mr. Richard Upjohn. An organ of ample power and fine tone has been procured.

A sum, (\$2500,) supposed by the generous giver sufficient for the purpose, has been bequeathed by a late member of the congregation, to erect the steeple.

The same person has likewise bequeathed \$5000 to found a Parochial School.

R. S. MASON.

ST. JAMES'S PARISH, WILMINGTON.

Rev. R. B. Drane, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms—Infant white 37; colored 7,	44
Catechumens—White, about	125
Communicants—Number last year, white 239, colored 24; added by first Communion, white 10, colored 2; ditto by removal, 5 white; lost by death, 5 white, 1 colored; ditto by removal, 9 white; total now, white 241, colored 25,	266
Marriages—White 8, colored 4,	12
Funerals—White 23, colored 3,	26
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$350 00
Bishop's Salary,	225 00
Relief Fund,	60 00
Education Committee, (donations,)	250 00
Domestic Missions,	100 00
Sunday School Union,	76 84
Parochial objects,	140 70
Other objects,	70 00

\$1272 54

R. B. DRANE.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, EDENTON.

Rev. S. I. Johnston, Rector.

Rev. C. M. Parkman, Assistant Minister.

Baptisms—Infant, white 13, colored 28; Adult, col'd 2,	43
Catechumens—About 40 white, 80 colored,	120
Communicants—Number last year, white 115, colored	

	38; added by first Communion, white	
	5, colored 1; ditto by removal, col'd	
	3; lost by death, white 2, colored 1;	
	ditto by removal, white 2, colored 3;	
	total now, white 119, colored 38,	157
Marriages—	White 4, colored 2,	6
Funerals—	White 12, colored 7,	19
Contributions—	Diocesan Missions, by weekly offer-	
	ings \$142 13, in other ways \$45,	\$187 13
	Domestic Missions, by weekly offer-	
	ings,	24 60
	Parochial objects, by weekly offerings,	158 78
Total,		\$360 51
SAM'L I. JOHNSTON.		
CHARLES M. PARKMAN.		

CHRIST CHURCH, NEWBERN.

Rev. Wm. N. Hawks, Rector.

Baptisms—	Infant, white 18, colored 7; Adult, white 2,	27
Communicants—	Number last year, white 121, colored	
	31; added by first Communion, white	
	4; ditto by removal, white 1; lost by	
	death, white 3, colored 1; ditto by re-	
	moval, white 2, colored 1; total now,	
	white 121, colored 29,	150
Marriages—	White 2, colored 2,	4
Funerals—	White 13, colored 3,	16
Contributions—	Diocesan Missions, by weekly offer-	
	ings,	\$150 35
	Relief Fund, by weekly offerings	
	\$33 42, in other ways \$5 00,	38 42
	Parochial objects, by weekly offer-	
	ings,	83 27
	Other objects, by weekly offerings,	116 42
		WM. N. HAWKS.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, FAYETTEVILLE.

Rev. Joseph C. Huske, Rector.

Baptisms—	Infant, white 17, colored 5; Adult, white 4,	26
Catechumens—	White 125, colored 50,	175
Confirmations—	White,	12
Communicants—	Number last year, white 126, colored	
	14; added by first Communion, white	
	11; ditte by removal, white 1; lost by	
	death, white 2; ditto by removal, white	
	5; total now, white 131, colored 14,	145

Marriages—White 6, colored 8,	14
Funerals—White 11, colored 8,	19
Contributions—Diocesan Missions, by w'kly off'r'ngs, \$221	16
Bishop's Salary, " "	210 00
Relief Fund, " "	60 00
Domestic Missions, " "	99 69
Parochial objects, " "	277 45
Other objects, " "	161 00
Total,	\$1029 30

JOSEPH C. HUSKE.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, WASHINGTON.

Rev. Edwin Geer, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant	8
Communicants—Died 3, removed 2, added 3; present No.	125
Marriages,	9
Funerals,	16
Sunday School—Scholars,	60
Teachers,	7
Contributions—Assessment for the Episcopate,	\$100 00
Special col. for Relief Fund,	\$100 00
Sunday School for " "	5 50
	105 50
For Parochial purposes,	137 65
Special collection for Education Fund,	20 53
Ditto do. for Diocesan Missions,	56 46
	\$420 14

EDWIN GEER.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, SALISBURY.

Rev. John H. Parker, Rector.

Baptism—White Infant,	1
Catechumens—White	12
Confirmation—White	1
Communicants—Number last year, white 38, colored 1;	
added by first Communion, white 2;	
ditto by removal, white 2; lost by	
death, white 2; ditto by removal,	
white 2; total now, white 38, col'd 1,	39
Funerals—White	7
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$47 75
Bishop's Salary,	25 00
Relief Fund,	10 00
Domestic Missions,	30 00
Total,	\$112 75

CHURCH OF THE REDEMPTION, LEXINGTON.

Communicants—White	4
Baptism—White Infant,	1
Burial—White Infant,	1
Assessments—Bishop's Salary,	\$5 00
Missionary,	10 00
Relief Fund,	3 60
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Total,	\$18 60

JNO. H. PARKER.

CHRIST CHURCH, ELIZABETH CITY.

Rev. E. M. Forbes, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white 8, colored 2; Adult, white 2,	
colored 1; total	13
Catechumens—White 60, colored 15,	75
Communicants—Number last year 64; added by first	
Communion, white 4, colored 2; ditto	
by removal, white 3; lost by death,	
colored 1; ditto by removal, white 8,	
colored 3; total now, white 50, colored 11,	61
Marriages—White	3
Funerals—White 6, colored 1,	7
Contributions, by weekly offerings:	
Diocesan Missions,	\$75 00
Bishop's Salary,	30 00
Relief Fund,	12 00
Domestic and Foreign Missions,	50 00
Parochial objects,	147 90
Other objects,	21 50
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Total,	\$336 40

The Ladies of the Parish have raised \$250 for the purpose of adding another room to the Parochial School-house, for a primary department in the School.

E. M. FORBES.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, PITTSBOROUGH.

Rev. A. F. Olmsted, Rector.

Baptism—Infant, white,	1
Catechumens—White	12
Communicants—Number last year, white 36, colored 2,	
added by removal, white 1; lost by	
death, white 2; ditto by removal,	
white 4; total now, white 31, col'd 2,	33
Marriages—White	2

Funerals—White	2
Contributions—Diocesan Missions, by weekly offerings,	\$45 00
Bishop's Salary, “ “	30 00
Relief Fund, “ “	12 00
Domestic Missions, “ “	5 00
Foreign Missions, “ “	5 00
Parochial objects, by weekly offerings	
\$35 33, in other ways \$4 00,	39 33
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	\$136 33

ST. MARK'S, DEEP RIVER.

Rev. A. F. Olmsted, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, colored 1; Adult, white 1; total	2
Catechumens—Colored	20
Communicants—Number last year, white 7, colored 1; added by first Communion, white 1; ditto by removal, white 1; lost by re- moval, white 1; total now, white 8, colored 1,	9
Marriage—White	1
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$15 00
Bishop's Salary,	10 00
Relief Fund,	3 60
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Total,	\$28 60

A. F. OLMSTED.

CHRIST CHURCH, ROCKFISH.

Rev. George Benton, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant,	6
Confirmations,	5
Catechumens,	40
Communicants—Removed 3; present number	42
Marriage—White	1
Burial—White	1
Contributions—For Bishop's Salary,	\$10 00
For Relief Fund,	3 60
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	\$13 60

GEORGE BENTON.

GRACE CHURCH, PLYMOUTH.

Rev. Alfred A. Watson, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white 4, colored 1; Adult, white 2,	7
Catechumens—White 43, colored 3,	46

Communicants—Number last year, white 28, colored 1; added by first Communion, white 3; ditto by removal, white 2; lost by death, white 1; ditto by removal, white 3; total now, white 29, colored 1,	30
Marriage—White	1
Funerals—White 6, colored 1,	7
Contributions—Diocesan Missions, by weekly offerings \$10 46, in other ways \$2 50,	\$12 96*
Bishop's Salary, by weekly offerings,	12 00
Relief Fund, " "	3 60
Domestic Missions, " "	5 27
Foreign Missions, " "	4 68
Jewish Mission, " "	3 59
Education Fund, " "	7 03
Parochial objects, by weekly offerings \$28 82, in other ways \$5 00,	33 82
Other objects, by weekly offerings,	5 50
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	\$88 45

*The balance of this Assessment will be paid by private contribution.

During the past year I have had the assistance in this Parish of the Rev. George Patterson, Deacon, and have thus been enabled to extend my own Sunday appointments to 6 or 8 in each month, including the Parishes of Grace Church, Plymouth, St. Luke's, Washington County, Church of the Advent, Williamston, and St. Thomas's, Bath, besides a promising Station at Hamilton, and several about the country. I have also kept up for nearly two years a Church School at Plymouth, in which I have at present the assistance of the Rev. Mr. Patterson, and Mr. B. S. Bronson, a Candidate for Orders in this Diocese.

The Service days of the Church are for the most part observed, and besides the daily religious exercises, weekly instruction is given to the pupils in the Chatechism and Prayer Book, as well as in Church History.

Upon the whole, the Parish appears to flourish.

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT, WILLIAMSTON.

Rev. Alfred A. Watson, Rector.

Baptisms—White, Infant 4, Ault 2,	6
Communicants—White, number last year 7; added by removal 1; lost by removal 2; total now,	6
Contributions—Diocesan Missions, by weekly offerings \$8 08, in other ways 92 cts.,	\$9 00
Relief Fund, in other ways,	2 08
Domestic Missions, by weekly offerings 50 cts., in other ways \$1 22,	1 72
Education Fund, by weekly offerings,	2 02
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Total,	\$14 82

I resumed charge of this Parish soon after the last Convention. I attend monthly, and at each visit give a Sunday night service to the town of Hamilton, 13 miles further, where generally a full congregation may be expected. There are several members of the Church there, who are reckoned in the Parish lists of the Church of the Advent.

ST. LUKE'S PARISH, WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Rev. Alfred A. Watson, Rector.

Baptisms—White, Infant 7, Adult 3,	10
Catechumens,	5
Communicants—Number last year, white 31, colored 2; lost by removal, white 2; total now, white 29, colored 2,	31
Funeral—White	1
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$7 00
Bishop's Salary,	5 00
Relief Fund,	2 40
Foreign Missions, by weekly offerings,	91
Education Fund, “ “	97
Parochial objects, “ “	6 38
Other objects, “ “	5 59
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	\$28 25

In addition to the Services in the Parish Church, there have been regular appointments at several places in the surrounding country, which have been very well attended.

ST. THOMAS'S, BATH.

Rev. Alfred A. Watson, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white,	8
Catechumens—White,	8
Communicants—Number last year, white 19, colored 3; lost by death, white 1; ditto by re- moval, white 1; total now, white 17, colored 3,	20
Marriage—White	1

I took charge of this Parish in December last—the grant of the Missionary Committee to my Assistant, Rev. Mr. Patterson, enabling me to do this by retaining his services in Plymouth. I have appointments not only in the old Church in Bath, but also in the country on the other side of Bath Creek, where indeed the greater part of the congregation reside. Besides this I have, in concert with the Rev. Mr. Geer, of St. Peter's, Washington, made several visits to Hyde county and the lower part of Beaufort. In these latter districts we have baptised several children, the record of which enters into the Parochial Report of St. Thomas's, Bath, that being the next Parish.

ALFRED A. WATSON.

REPORT of Rev. Geo. Patterson, Deacon.

Since last Convention I have been officiating as Assistant to the Rev. A. A. Watson. My services have been mainly rendered at Plymouth and in its vicinity, but occasionally in neighboring Parishes. I have regularly assisted the Rector in the Church Services at Plymouth, and in his absence have myself performed the following official acts, which are included in the Parochial Reports, viz:

Infant Baptism, (white)	1
Burials—White 1, colored 1,	2

GEO. PATTERSON.

TRINITY CHURCH, SCOTLAND NECK.

Rev. Jos. Blount Cheshire, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white 6, colored 6; Adult, white 1,	13
Communicants—Number last year, white 17, colored 6;	
added by first Communion, white 4;	
ditto by removal, white 1; total now,	
white 22, colored 6,	28
Marriages—White 1, colored 1,	2
Funerals,	2
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$70 00
Bishop's Salary,	36 00
Relief Fund,	12 00
Domestic Missions,	21 00
Foreign Missions,	24 00
Education Fund,	39 00
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	\$202 00

CALVARY CHURCH, TARBOROUGH.

Rev. Jos. Blount Cheshire, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white 2; Adult, white 1, colored 1,	4
Catechumens,	40
Communicants—Added by first Communion 2; ditto by	
removal 6; lost by removal 4; whole	
number, white 17, colored 2,	19
Marriages,	2
Funerals,	2
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$50 00
Bishop's Salary,	25 00
Relief Fund,	9 00
Domestic Missions,	26 00
Foreign Missions,	12 00
Education Fund,	21 00
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Total,	\$143 00

During last Summer I officiated occasionally in Emmanuel Church, Warrenton, in which Parish I Baptised 3 Infants and solemnised one Marriage.

JOS. BLOUNT CHESHIRE.

CHURCH OF HOLY INNOCENTS, HENDERSON.

Rev. Thomas F. Davis, Jr., Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white 11, colored 17; Adult, colored 1,	29
Catechumens—White 13, colored 3,	16
Communicants—Number last year, white 21, colored 5; lost by death, white 1; ditto by removal 3; total now, white 17, col'd 5,	22
Funerals—White 3, colored 2,	5
Contributions—Diocesan Missions, by weekly offerings \$12 00, in other ways \$30 00,	\$42 00
Bishop's Salary, by weekly offerings,	18 00
Relief Fund, “ “	5 00
Domestic Missions, “ “	4 00
Parochial objects, by weekly offerings \$26 00, in other ways \$125 53,	151 53
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	\$220 53

The contribution of \$15 to Diocesan Missions over and above the regular Assessment, was occasioned by the recent Circular of the Executive Missionary Committee. Of the \$125 53 for Parochial purposes, \$48 36 was not gotten from the members of this Congregation.

The lack of Confirmations has been owing to the absence of all Episcopal visitation.

There is no cause for discouragement in this Parish, but rather the contrary.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WILLIAMSBOROUGH.

Rev. Thomas F. Davis, Jr., Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white	6
Catechumens—White	6
Communicants—Number last year, white 9, colored 3; lost by death, white 1; total now, white 8, colored 3,	11
Funerals—White 1, colored 1,	2
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$20 00
Bishop's Salary, by weekly offerings,	15 00
Relief Fund, “ “	5 00
Parochial objects, “ “	6 00
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Total,	\$46 00

The Rector of this Congregation is very much gratified at being able to state, that this year, *for the first time*, it has paid the entire Assessment upon it.

Other signs of improvement also are not altogether wanting. There

has been no Confirmation, because there has been no Episcopal visitation. But the Rector is assured that the number of Communicants will be increased in the course of the ensuing year.

THOS. F. DAVIS, Jun.

CALVARY CHURCH, WADESBOROUGH.

Rev. Horatio H. Hewitt, Deacon.

Baptisms—Infant 1, Adult 1,	2
Funerals—Infant 1, Adult 2,	3
Marriage,	1
Communicants 20, (all white;) removed 2, present No.	18
Sunday School Scholars, about	30
“ “ Teachers,	4
Moneys collected—For Bishop's Salary and Contingent,	\$20
Relief Fund,	6
Amount of collection in Church for	
Missionary Fund, in answer to the	
appeal of the Committee,	20
	— \$46

I entered upon the duties of this Parish, as Deacon, ninth Sunday after Trinity, Aug. 1st, 1852.

This year aid has been granted the Parish by the Missionary Society, but I am happy to state that for the coming year the congregation have, with praiseworthy zeal, relieved it, by raising for the Minister a very respectable support,—an example of what might, by the blessing of God, be accomplished in other Parishes similarly situated, could they be supplied with Ministers.

The Church building has been greatly improved by a thorough cleaning and painting.

A very neat and sweet-toned Melodeon has also been purchased, which is of great service in rendering more orderly the worship of God in praise.

The Holy Eucharist has been administered twice by the Rev. Alex'r Gregg, of the Diocese of South Carolina, who kindly consented to exchange duties with me for that purpose.

HORATIO H. HEWITT.

CHAPEL OF THE CROSS, CHAPEL HILL.

Rev. J. T. Wheat, D. D., Rector.

Catechumens—White	15
Communicants—Number last year, white 26, added by	
removal, white 1; total now, white	27
Contributions, by weekly offerings:	
Diocesan Missions,	\$15 00
Bishop's Salary,	10 00
Relief Fund,	3 60
Total,	\$28 60

J. T. WHEAT.

TRINITY CHURCH, ASHEVILLE.

Rev. Jarvis Buxton, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white 2, colored 5; Adult, white 1,	8
Catechumens—White 15, colored 7,	22
Confirmation—White	1
Communicants—White, number last year 7, added by first Communion 1, ditto by removal 3, total now	11
Funeral—Colored	1
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$9 00
Bishop's Salary,	6 00
Relief Fund,	2 40
Domestic Missions,	2 50
Foreign Missions,	2 50
Other objects,	26 00
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	\$48 40

Beside my Parochial ministration in Asheville, I have visited during the year the villages of Marion, Waynesville, Burnsville, where good congregations attended upon our Services. I have also, as Presbyter, visited Rutherfordton four times to administer the Holy Communion.

A kind friend of this Church has made us an acceptable present of an appropriate Baptismal Font.

In this region of country, the cause of Christ—one with His Church—suffers sadly for the want of more Ministers. The harvest seems ripe enough, but the laborers are few. While we pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers into His vineyard, and to stir up the spirit of the few who are already working therein, it cannot be forgotten that prayer implies the use of all proper means within our power; and until some approved system be devised for training up Missionaries in our midst, I am persuaded that nothing of moment, as compared with what might and ought to be done, will ever be achieved among the mass of the people in these Western parts.

JARVIS BUXTON.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, HERTFORD, PERQUIMONS COUNTY.

Rev. Wm. E. Snowden, Rector.

Baptisms—White, Infant 9, Adult 2,	11
Communicants—White, number last year 24; added by first Communion 3, ditto by removal 2, lost by removal 3, total now,	26
Marriage—White	1
Funerals—White	6
Contributions—Relief Fund,	\$2 40
Domestic Missions,	18 00
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	\$20 40

CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS, WOODVILLE, PERQUIMONS
COUNTY.*Rev. Wm. E. Snowden, Rector.*

Communicants—Number last year 11, added by removal	
3, lost by death 1; do. by removal 2,	
total now	11

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, GATESVILLE, GATES COUNTY.

Rev. Wm. E. Snowden, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white 4, colored 8,	12
Communicants—Number last year, white 14, colored 1;	
lost by death, white 1; ditto by removal, white 4; total now, white 14,	
colored 1,	15
Funerals—White	5

WM. E. SNOWDEN.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, RUTHERFORDTON.

Rev. R. H. Mason, Deacon.

Baptisms—Infant, white 1, colored 12,	13
Catechumens—White 9, colored 10,	19
Communicants—Number last year, white 19; added by	
first Communion, white 1, colored 1;	
lost by death, white 1; ditto by removal, white 6; total now, white 13,	
colored 1,	14
Funerals—White 1, colored 1,	2
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$10 00
Bishop's Salary,	5 00
Relief Fund,	2 50
Parochial objects,	9 00
For a debt,	113 00
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	\$139 50

I have had charge of this Church since the first of September. I have been absent since the last of March, and during that time preached three Sundays at Salem Chapel, Orange county, and two Sundays in Warrenton; and several times on Missionary duty in other parts of the Diocese.

R. H. MASON.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, LINCOLNTON.

Rev. T. S. W. Mott, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white 7, colored 1,	8
Catechumens—White	12

Communicants—White, number last year 20, added by first Communion 3, lost by death 1; total now,	22
Marriages—White	2
Funeral—White	1
Contributions—Diocesan Missions, by w'kly offr'ngs,	\$15 00
Bishop's Salary, " "	10 00
Relief Fund, " "	3 60

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, CHARLOTTE.

Rev. T. S. W. Mott, Rector.

Baptisms—White, Infant 7, Adult 1,	8
Communicants—Number last year,	12
Contributions—Diocesan Missions, by w'kly offr'ngs,	\$15 00
Relief Fund, " "	2 40

\$17 40

T. S. W. MOTT.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, OXFORD.

Rev. Jos. Jas. Ridley, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white 5, colored 5; Adult, white 4, colored 2,	16
Catechumens—White 32, colored 26,	58
Communicants—Number last year, white 55, colored 9; added by first Communion, white 3, colored 2; added by removal, white 3; lost by death, white 3, colored 1; lost by removal, white 1, colored 1; lost by excommunication, colored 2; total now, white 57, colored 7,	64
Funerals—White 4, colored 2,	6
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$25 00
Relief Fund,	8 00
Domestic Missions,	5 00
Parochial objects,	29 79

\$67 79

The Bishop neglected to visit this Parish, although pressed to do so, before leaving the Diocese; there was accordingly no Confirmation.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, LOUISBURG, FRANKLIN COUNTY.

Rev. Jos. Jas. Ridley, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white 1, colored 3; Adult, white 1,	5
Catechumens—White	9

Communicants—White, number last year 18, added by first Communion 1, lost by removal 2, total now	17
Marriages—White	2
Contributions—Parochial objects, about	\$15 00
Building a Church, about	1200 00
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	\$1215 00

This Parish was without Episcopal visitation, consequently no Confirmations. We have a neat Church going up, to cost about \$1500. Kind friends abroad aided us in our feebleness. The Church will soon be ready for service.

REPORT of Rev. Jos. Jas. Ridley, performing service at St. James's, Granville County.

Baptisms—White, Infant 3, Adult 3,	6
Communicants—White, number last year 5, added by first Communion 2, lost by removal 2, total now,	5
Marriage—White	1
Contributions—Diocesan Missions, by one gentleman, \$10 00	
Relief Fund, by two young ladies, (\$5 each,)	10 00

This Parish has been without Episcopal services; there are consequently no Confirmations. The Missionary is endeavoring to revive this Parish; for many years it had not even a "name to live."

JOS. JAS. RIDLEY.

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH, MOCKSVILLE, DAVIE COUNTY.

Rev. Jas. G. Jacocks, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white 4; Adult, white 1, colored 1,	6
Catechumens,	25
Communicants—Number last year, white 10, colored 1; added by first Communion, white 1, colored 1; lost by death, white 1; do. by removal, white 4; total now, white 6, colored 2,	8
Funerals—White	2
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$7 37

CHRIST CHURCH, ROWAN COUNTY.

Rev. Jas. G. Jacocks, Rector.

Baptisms—Colored Infants,	6
Communicants—Number last year 83, lost by death 2, total now	81
Marriages—White	3
Funerals—White	5

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, ROWAN COUNTY.

Rev. Jas. G. Jacocks, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white 1, colored 1,	2
Communicants—Number last year 44, added by first	
Communion 1, lost by death 3, ditto	
by removal 2, total now	40
Marriage—White	1
Funerals—White	4
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$1 85
Permanent Episcopal Fund,	2 00
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	\$3 85

YADKIN COUNTY.

Communicants,	3
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MILLS'S SETTLEMENT, IREDELL COUNTY.

Communicants,	15
Funerals,	2

JAS. G. JACOCKS.

ST. MARY'S CHAPEL, KINSTON, LENOIR COUNTY.

*Rev. Wm. N. Hawks, Rector.**Rev. A. F. N. Rolfe, Deacon.*

Baptism—White Infant,	1
Communicants—Number last year, white 8, colored 1;	
total now, white 8, colored 1,	9
Funeral—White	1

ST. THOMAS'S CHAPEL, CRAVEN COUNTY.

Baptism—White Infant,	1
Communicants—White, number last year 3, total now	3

WM. N. HAWKS.

A. F. N. ROLFE.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL, RALEIGH.

Rev. Aldert Smedes, Rector.

Adult Baptisms,	2
Confirmations,	8
Communicants,	23
Diocesan Missions,	\$150 00
Relief Fund,	12 00

The School continues in a prosperous state.

ALDERT SMEDES.

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, LEAKSVILLE.

Rev. Jno. R. Lee, Rector.

Baptisms—White, Infant 4, Adult 1,	5
Communicants—White, number last year 15, added by first Communion 1, ditto by removal 1, total now	17
Marriages—White 2, colored 1,	3
Funerals—White	7
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$12 00
Bishop's Salary,	8 00
Relief Fund,	5 00
Domestic Missions,	12 50
Foreign Missions,	12 75
Parochial objects,	4 50
Other objects,	5 00
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	JNO. R. LEE.

*REPORT of Rev. Joseph W. Murphy, Minister of Grace Church,
Morganton, and John's River Chapel, and Missionary.*

Baptisms—Infant, white 4, colored 9; Adult, colored 1,	14
Catechumens—White 10, colored 10,	20
Confirmations—White	3
Communicants—Added by first Communion, white 3; lost by death, white 1; ditto by re- moval, white 1; total now, white 25, colored 3,	28
Marriages—White (one by Rev. Mr. Buxton) 2, col'd 1,	3
Funeral—White (by Rev. Mr. Prout)	1
Contributions, by weekly offerings:	
Diocesan Missions,	\$15 00
Bishop's Salary,	10 00
Relief Fund,	3 60
Parochial objects,	10 00
Other objects,	2 40
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	\$41 00

Since I entered upon my duties here, I have performed services as follows: In Morganton, three Sundays in each month; a Sermon in the morning, and the Service without a Sermon in the evening. This last is an experiment which has, on the whole, succeeded very well; still it is plain that here, as elsewhere, there is too much importance attached to the Sermon, and the Services of the Church are not valued as they ought to be. On the fourth Sunday in each month, I have held regular Services in John's River Chapel, where there has been generally a pretty good attendance, and a growing interest in the Services has been manifested.

Regular Services once a month (on Saturday) have been commenced at a School-house ten miles from here, where some interest has been aroused and several persons have expressed a desire to learn how to use the Prayer Book. It is to be hoped that (with God's assistance) we will be enabled to accomplish something in this new field.

In addition to this, I have held services in two other neighborhoods; in one of these places once, and in the other twice. My Report shows the number of Baptisms, &c. not only in the Parish of Grace Church, but those belonging to John's River Chapel.

JOSEPH W. MURPHY, Deacon.

REPORT of Rev. N. Collin Hughes, officiating in Pitt and Beaufort Counties.

Shortly after the last Convention I was compelled by infirm health to resign the charge of St. Thomas's Church, Bath, and St. John's, Durham's Creek. Until within a few months past my labors have been almost entirely confined to Trinity Parish, Beaufort County.

ZION PARISH, BEAUFORT COUNTY.

Baptism—White Infant,	1
Communicants—Added by first Communion, white 3; to- tal, about	20

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, PITT COUNTY.

Baptisms—White Infants,	3
Communicants—Number last year, white 11, colored 2; added by first Communion, white 2, colored 1; lost by death, colored 1; total now, white 13, colored 2,	15
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$15 00
Bishop's Salary,	10 00
Relief Fund,	2 50
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	\$27 50

TRINITY CHAPEL, BEAUFORT COUNTY.

Baptisms—Infant, white,	5
Communicants—Number last year, white 31, colored 2; added by first Communion, white 3; total now, white 34, colored 2,	36
Funeral—White Infant,	1
Contributions—Domestic Missions, by w'kly offerings,	\$22 93
Relief Fund, " "	9 00
Other objects, in other ways,	10 00
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	\$41 93

The Assessment for the Bishop's Salary in this Parish is \$24. It is

generally collected by the Vestry. They are ready to contribute any portion or the whole of it if needed.

In this Parish I now officiate semi-monthly. On the intervening Sundays Lay Services are conducted by Mr. S. S. Barber.

N. COLLIN HUGHES.

THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR, JACKSON, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY.

Rev. Frederick Fitzgerald, Deacon.

Baptisms—Infant, white 7, colored 14; Adult, white 2, colored 6,	29
Catechumens—White 30, colored 40,	70
Communicants—Number last year, white 12, colored 12; added by removal, white 3; lost by removal, white 2; total now, white 13, colored 12,	25
Marriages—White 1, colored 2,	3
Funerals—White	3
Contributions—Diocesan Missions, by weekly offerings,	\$9 00
Bishop's Salary, " "	6 00
Relief Fund, " "	3 00
For the "Episcopal Home" in Raleigh,	10 00
Parochial objects, by weekly offerings	
\$13 00, in other ways \$98 00,	111 00
Total,	\$139 00

Services have been held on the first and third Sundays at Jackson. The Evening Services are for the instruction of Negroes. "Evening Prayer" twice during the week. Sunday School open every Sunday. Money, not mentioned in this Report, has been supplied also for the liquidation of the debt of the Church and the erection of a fence.

The second Sunday in the month is given to the town of Halifax, where the Services are well attended. Funds, nearly sufficient for the building of a Church in this place, have already been collected. A Parish has also been formed, under the name of "St. Mark's Church." In Halifax there are nine Communicants.

The fourth Sunday, as well as each Thursday evening in the month, are given to the instruction of a large colored congregation on the plantation of H. K. Burgwyn, Esq.

FREDERICK FITZGERALD.

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH, BRUNSWICK COUNTY.

Rev. Peyton Gallagher, late Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white 3, colored 7; Adult, colored 1,	11
Communicants last year, white 12, colored 1; added, white 1; lost by removal, white 1; total now	13

Contributions by weekly offerings and in other ways, for Assessment upon the Parish and Parochial objects, about \$157.

Through the kindness of some Ladies of Wilmington, blinds have been furnished for the Vestry-room and a small debt upon it liquidated.

I assumed the charge of the Parish on the 27th of June 1852, and on the last Sunday in March 1853, being Easter-Day, my connexion with it terminated.

PEYTON GALLAGHER.

REPORT of the Rev. R. W. Barber, Missionary in Wilkes, Yadkin, and Iredell Counties.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WILKES.

Baptisms—White 2, colored 3,	5
Communicants—White 9, colored 5,	14
Contributions—To Missionary Fund,	\$5 00
Bishop's Salary,	3 00
For Parochial objects,	20 00

At Richmond Hill, I have preached one Sunday in each month during the past year. The number of Communicants is 5—white. Offer-tory collections, \$7 35; disposed of for local objects, \$4.

At Buck Shoals Factory, I have preached once a month,—at night. The number of Communicants is three.

In Iredell County, I have officiated but three times since the last Convention, on two of which occasions I had very good congregations, and administered the Communion to 5 persons; three of them were from Buck Shoals.

R. W. BARBER.

ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH, WINDSOR, BERTIE COUNTY.

Rev. J. W. Hoskins, Rector.

The undersigned, by invitation of the Vestry, took charge of this Church the first of January last, and after so short a connection he finds encouragement in the healthy condition of its affairs—the ardent attachment of its members to the doctrines, ordinances and worship of the Church, and their christian unity.

Besides the regular Services appointed by the Church for Sundays and other days, he visits Woodville, 16 miles distant, and preaches there once a month. There is a most excellent state of feeling at that place, and he hopes to have a Church edifice erected there during the present year, as nearly \$1000 have been secured for that purpose.

Baptisms—Adult 1, (by Rev. Mr. Ridley,) Infant 1,	2
Communicants—Present number	28
Catechumens—White 20, colored 30,	50
Contributions—To Bishop's Fund,	\$20 00
Missionary “	30 00
Relief “	6 00

\$56 00

J. W. HOSKINS.

REPORT of Rev. W. W. Skiles, Deacon, Watauga County.

Baptism—Adult, white,	1
Confirmation—White	1
Communicants—Number last year, white 18; added by first Communion, white 2; ditto by removal, white 1; lost by removal, white 1; total now, white	20
Contributions—Offerings at Communion,	\$9 75

I have assisted in the Services once a month in the Chapel at Valle Crucis. I have kept up a Sunday School, with the assistance of Mr. George N. Evans, consisting of a Class of white children every Sunday morning, and a class of colored persons and children in the afternoons, until about Christmas. Since that time I have not been enabled to keep it regularly, and taught a Day School nearly four months gratis, for the children in the vicinity of Valley Crucis. I have held Services once a month at a private house on Lower Watauga, and occasionally at Easter Chapel, on Upper Watauga. Also at Cranberry Forge once a month for nine months; at Linnville about six months, and occasionally at the bottoms of Elk, or near there. There is manifestly an increased interest in the Services of the Church, and many are inquiring for the good old paths.

W. W. SKILES, Deacon.

REPORT of Rev. H. H. Prout, Missionary, Caldwell County.

LENOIR, May 9, 1853.

REV. RICHARD S. MASON, D. D.: *Dear Sir*—As President of the Standing Committee of this Diocese, I submit to you my Report of Missionary Services during the past year.

Lenoir, Caldwell County, the Valley of the Yadkin, in the same County, and Valle Crucis, Watauga County, are the Stations which I have regularly visited in the performance of Ministerial duty. In the Church at Lenoir I have preached and catechised twice a month, and administered the Holy Communion three times. At the Valley of the Yadkin, Divine Service has been held once a month. In the Chapel of the Holy Cross, at Valle Crucis, I have preached and administered the Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month in the year. At request of the Rev. Mr. Murphy, I administered the Holy Communion in Grace Church, Morganton; and in his absence, at another point in his sphere of labor I buried a member of the Church.

St. Andrew's Church, Lenoir, Caldwell County, was consecrated last Summer, by Bishop Ives, to the worship of God, according to the Liturgy of the Protestant Episcopal Church. On the same visitation, he also consecrated a Chapel near my late residence in Watauga County, by the title of Easter Chapel. I hope it may not be without use hereafter in Christ's behalf. Divine Service has been held there by the Rev. Mr. Skiles since my removal from Watauga County.

I cannot say that our discouragements are few, or that our prospects are very cheering in this circuit of Missionary labor. Yet the remark-

able events of the last year have unsettled none amongst us, nor disheartened us in an unusual degree. If the defection of Bishop Ives has sharpened the enmity of any toward the Church, and given a fertile occasion to those who were ready to wish what has actually happened, I hope it may also have increased the watchfulness and humility and patient courage of others. It is to be wished that an event of so much sadness may not be without indirect benefit; teaching, as it does, a lesson of theological discretion; showing that the Church's path is indeed a "*via media*," and that only in this middle way are stability and safety.

Baptisms—Infant 8, Adult 1,	9
Confirmed,	1
Communicants, (in Caldwell County,)	13

H. H. PROUT.

The Treasurer of the Convention made his Report, which was referred to the Committee of Finance.—[*See Appendix.*]

The papers in relation to the formation of a new Congregation in the County of Halifax were laid before the Convention, and referred to the Committee on the Admission of New Congregations.

On motion of Dr. A. J. DeRosset, Jr.,

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to inquire into the propriety of increasing the salary of the Bishop of this Diocese, and also of providing him with a suitable residence.

The Committee appointed under this resolution consists of A. J. DeRosset, Jr., G. W. Mordecai, Thomas Ruffin.

On motion, the Convention adjourned, to meet Friday morning, 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY, May 27.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayers were read by the President.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Certificates of Delegation from the following Churches were handed in and read, and the following Delegates were elected to this Convention:

Christ Church, Rockfish.—A. Alden, D. Torrence, Kenan Phillips, Eli Memory.

St. Peter's Church, Charlotte.—W. T. Davidson, Dr. L. G. Jones, B. H. Davidson.

The following were appointed the Committee on the Relief Fund: Rev. Jos. C. Huske, Dr. E. Warren, Thos. A. Montgomery.

The following were appointed a Committee on the Unfinished Business of the last Convention: Rev. Messrs. Snowden and Fitzgerald, of the Clergy; J. H. Haughton, of the Laity.

The Rev. Mr. Forbes, from the Committee on the Admission of New Congregations, made the following Report:

The Committee on the Admission of New Congregations having examined the papers of the Congregation of St. Mark's Church, Halifax, and finding them correct, do recommend that the said Church be received into union with the Church in the Diocese of North Carolina.

On motion, Resolved, That St. Mark's Church, Halifax, be received into union with this Convention.

Certificate of Delegation from St. Mark's, Halifax, was handed in and read, and the following were elected Delegates to this Convention: Col. A. Joyner, F. S. Marshall, J. B. Batchelor, B. F. Simmons.

Of whom Mr. Batchelor took his seat as a member of the Convention.

The following Delegates appeared and took seats as members of the Convention: George Green, Benjamin Green, P. E. Smith, Henry F. Cobb, E. Mallett, J. T. Wheat, Jr., B. J. Spruill, H. B. Hardy, Dr. B. F. Arrington, Cadwallader Jones, Sr., Benj. R. Huske, M. W. Jarvis, Joshua G. Wright, Henry K. Burgwyn, D. A. Barnes, Dan'l Turner, John White, Dr. Thomas E. Wilson, Jasper Hicks, L. A. Paschall, G. N. Evans.

The Rev. Dr. Drane, from the Select Committee of ten, made the following Report:

The Committee to whom were referred the Report of the Standing Committee with its accompanying documents, and sundry resolutions relating to the case of Dr. Ives, having considered the same, beg leave to report thereupon the following preamble and resolutions:

Levi Silliman Ives, D. D. LL D., lately the Bishop of this Diocese, having in the month of October last left the United States for Europe, upon leave of absence asked and obtained by him, for the purpose of recruiting his health and that of Mrs. Ives, alleged by him to have become impaired: and having, by a communication written from Rome, under date of the 22d day of Dec. last, (mentioned in the Report of the Standing Committee,) and addressed to this Convention in the form of a resignation of his Episcopal place and jurisdiction, made known the fact that he had renounced the Communion of the Protestant Episcopal Church and had determined to make his submission to the Church of Rome: and it thus appearing that he has relinquished and abandoned his Episcopal charge, and by his apostacy to the Roman Church has disabled himself from ever exercising any Episcopal jurisdiction within this Diocese: this Convention, in the name and in behalf of all the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese, doth declare the Episcopate thereof to be vacant; and therefore

Resolved, That the Convention will proceed to elect some suitable person as Bishop of this Diocese, to fill the said vacancy.

Resolved, That a Committee, consisting of three Clergymen and two Laymen, be appointed, with instructions to draw up a detailed statement of the difficulties between Dr. Ives, lately the Bishop of this Diocese, and the said Diocese, and that they deliver the same to the Delegates from this Diocese to the next General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, to be by them laid before the said General

Convention; and also that a copy of the said statement be published with the Journals of this Convention.

Respectfully submitted.

R. B. DRANE, Chairman.

On motion, Resolved, That the resolutions be acted on by the Convention separately.

The question being on the preamble and first resolution, they were unanimously adopted.

After some discussion, the question was put on the second resolution, and the resolution was carried.

Rev. Mr. Watson moved that the Preamble as reported be amended by placing the words Right Reverend before the words Levi Silliman Ives, which was not carried.

On motion of Mr. Ruffin,

Resolved, That the President of this Convention be a member of the Committee under the resolution, and that he be appointed Chairman of the same.

Which resolution was put to the house by the Secretary, and was unanimously carried.

Rev. Mr. Watson moved that the other members of the Committee be appointed by ballot, which motion was not carried.

The Committee consists of the Rev. R. S. Mason, D. D., Chairman, Rev. A. A. Watson, Rev. A. F. Olmsted, Thomas Ruffin, W. H. Battle.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Drane,

Resolved, unanimously, That the Rev. A. F. Olmsted be requested to furnish a copy of the Convention Sermon delivered by him, and that the same be published with the Journals of this Convention.

On motion of Mr. John H. Haughton,

Resolved, That this Convention will proceed to the election of a Bishop, Saturday, 9 o'clock A. M.

On motion, Resolved, That the Church of St. Mark's, Halifax, is entitled to vote in the election of a Bishop by the Constitution of the Church in this Diocese.

On motion of Mr. J. H. Haughton,

Resolved, That the 13th Canon of the Church in this Diocese be and is hereby repealed.

Pending which motion, a motion was made to adjourn, and the Convention adjourned to 5 o'clock P. M.

5 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Rev. J. C. Huske made the following Report from the Executive Missionary Committee:

REPORT of the Executive Missionary Committee.

This Committee, beyond the statement of mere business transactions, have but little to report the present year.

The funds placed within their control, applicable to the year now ending, amount to \$2495 85.. Of this sum they have appropriated

\$2456 25. The balance, with contributions which have come in subject to appropriation for services during the year commencing at this date, amounts to \$807 89.

The Stations which have been aided by appropriations, with their incumbents, are as follows:

Plymouth and Washington County, Williamston, Hamilton and Bath.—Rev. A. A. Watson and Rev. Geo. Patterson.

Pittsborough and St. Mark's, Chatham.—Rev. A. F. Olmsted.

Lenoir.—Rev. H. H. Prout.

Church of the Epiphany, Leaksville.—Rev. J. R. Lee.

Asheville.—Rev. J. Buxton.

Rutherford.—Rev. R. H. Mason.

Hillsborough and St. Mary's Chapel.—Rev. J. B. Donnelly.

Louisburg and Granville.—Rev. J. J. Ridley.

Hertford and Gatesville.—Rev. W. E. Snowden.

Mocksville and parts adjacent.—Rev. J. G. Jacocks.

Jackson, Northampton County.—Rev. F. Fitzgerald.

Wilkesborough.—Rev. R. W. Barber.

Wadesborough.—Rev. H. H. Hewitt.

Charlotte and Lincolnton.—Rev. T. S. W. Mott.

Morganton.—Rev. J. W. Murphy.

Smithville.—Rev. Peyton Gallagher.

The Committee again ask of the incumbents or Vestries of the several Missionary Stations, to transmit a statement of the means of their respective Parishes to support the Services of the Church, within the first quarter of the Conventional year. The information received on this point during the last year has relieved them, in several instances, from doubt and hesitation, and they express the hope that this request will be generally complied with.

They mention with pleasure that the Church of the Epiphany, Leaksville, has this year relinquished their claim to one-half of the usual Missionary appropriation, with the design of supporting the Services of the Church by their own unaided efforts; and Rev. Jas. G. Jacocks has also relinquished a part of his claim on the fund. And the Committee call attention to this instance, as exemplifying in their opinion the real end and design of the Missionary institution, namely: to aid, with the funds placed at their disposal, weak Parishes, until they shall become able to support themselves.

It is to be feared that this fact is too often lost sight of; and that Parishes, relying on the aid which they have heretofore received from this source, and on its continuance, do not contribute to the extent of their ability. And thus they deprive the Committee of the power to carry out the real aims of the Church, by extending more efficient support to weaker points and to unoccupied fields of labor.

The prospects of the Church in the Missionary department are encouraging. Increased and urgent calls for the Services of the Church, in new and inviting fields, have been made upon them during the year just closed, to which they have been able but feebly to respond.

Anxious to discharge the responsibilities of their trust, and with the sanction of the Standing Committee as the highest Ecclesiastical

authority of the Diocese under present circumstances, they have issued a Circular, addressed to the Clergy, briefly setting forth what they conceive, in their judgment, to be the wants and necessities of the Church, and the duties of her members at the present time; of which the following is a copy:

"To the Members of the

Protestant Episcopal Church in North Carolina:

"DEAR BRETHREN: The Executive Missionary Committee, acting under the sanction of the Standing Committee—the present Ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese—desire to draw your attention to the present condition of the Missionary interest of the Church, and to urge upon you the importance of increasing the contributions to the Missionary Fund.

"A few words only, will be sufficient to present to your minds the facts, which, in the judgment of the Committee, make this appeal proper.

"In the first place, then, the appropriations for the present year, to the Missionaries now engaged in the service of the Church, have exhausted the fund at the disposal of the Committee. These appropriations, small as they have been at the most, your Committee would have been obliged to lessen during the present year, but for the voluntary relinquishment, by one of the Missionaries, of one-half of his just claim upon the Missionary Fund.

"We have before us the statements of the Missionaries themselves, (made in compliance with a recommendation of the last Convention,) setting forth the amounts received directly from the people whom they respectively serve. And these amounts are in all cases so small, that we do not see how your Missionaries are to live, if there should be any material reduction of that aid from the Missionary Fund which goes to eke out their scanty support. Unless the Congregations themselves do more towards the support of their respective Ministers, it is certain that the contributions from the Missionary Fund cannot be diminished without running the risk of losing the services of valuable men.

"But, in the second place, earnest applications for Missionary help have been made to the Committee, during the present year, from various points, where inviting fields for Missionary labor are opening.—These certainly must be regarded as indications of Providence, calling for increasing energy, activity, and liberality. Urgent demands—like these—for the Services of the Church, and at the present time, are as encouragements, divinely sent, to awaken our zeal for the diffusion of the truths of the Gospel in their entirety, and proofs that the hand of the Almighty is stretched out to guide the Church in her onward way.

"To these applications, however, your Committee could make only a very inadequate response.

"Such then, being the case, it is clear that if we mean to maintain our present Missionary posts, we must all resolve to be more liberal—to give more of our substance to the support of these faithful and laborious men, now relying upon us for the means of subsistence, while doing their most important work. And if it be our purpose, as it is our duty, to do not only this, but to extend the influence of the Church of

Christ—to send men to occupy ground which by the providence of God is newly opened, or to reclaim those portions of our Lord's vineyard which, from want of Ministerial culture, have run to waste,—then it is equally clear, that we must resolve to give more largely still.

“Being entrusted by the resolutions of the Convention of 1836, “with the whole management of the Missionary operations of the Diocese, and thereby vested with authority to devise ways and means for conducting these operations,” and acting at the suggestion of the Standing Committee, we have deemed it to be our duty to lay these facts before you, and to ask of you more liberal contributions to the Missionary Fund. All of which is respectfully submitted, with the confident trust that God will put it into your hearts to make a hearty and liberal response.

“By order of the Committee.

“J. C. HUSKE.

“GEO. BENTON.

“Fayetteville, N. C., May 4, 1853.”

Respectfully submitted.

J. C. HUSKE, Chairman.

GEO. BENTON, Secretary.

On motion, it was referred to the Standing Missionary Committee.

The following were appointed the Executive Missionary Committee for the ensuing year: Rev. George Benton, Rev. Jos. C. Huske, C. T. Haigh, John W. Wright, E. J. Hale.

On motion, Resolved, That the Committee on Education consist of the Rev. R. S. Mason, D. D., John H. Bryan, G. W. Mordecai.

On motion, Resolved, That the Convention do now proceed to elect Delegates to the General Convention.

Rev. Thos. F. Davis, Jr. and Rev. R. H. Mason appointed Tellers.

The Committee on the Unfinished Business of the last Convention report: That they find on the Journal of the last Convention, page 48, the following resolutions printed, to lie over to this Convention:

Resolved, That the 3d Article of the Constitution of this Church be amended by inserting after the words “members of such congregation,” the words “such Delegates being Communicants of this Church.”

Resolved, That the Constitution be further amended by adding the following Article:

ARTICLE 13. No person shall hereafter be elected as Delegate or Alternate Delegate from this Diocese to the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, who is not a Communicant of the Church.

The Committee report, that for the present no action on this matter is necessary.

W. E. SNOWDEN.

On motion, Resolved, That the Report lie on the table.

The ballots having been counted, it was found that the following were elected Delegates to the General Convention: Rev. R. S. Mason, D. D., Rev. R. B. Drane, D. D., Rev. A. A. Watson, Rev. S. I. John-

ston, of the Clergy; John H. Bryan, Edward Lee Winslow, Dr. Thos. H. Wright, Josiah Collins, of the Laity.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to 9 o'clock Saturday morning:

At Night, Prayers were said by the Rev. Chas. M. Parkman, and a Sermon preached by Rev. J. T. Wheat, D. D., from 6th verse of the 6th chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel.

SATURDAY, May 28.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayers were said by the President.

Minutes of yesterday read.

Rev. Mr. Watson moved that the word unanimously, as stated in the record of the vote on the preamble and first resolution in the Report of the Committee of 10, to whom the resolutions relating to the late Bishop of the Diocese were referred, be stricken out, which was not carried.

Col. A. Joyner, Dr. Jos. F. Tompkins, and Dr. John H. Hill, members of this Convention, appeared and took their seats.

The Committee of Finance made the following Report, which was accepted:

REPORT of the Committee of Finance.

The Finance Committee, to whom were referred the accounts of the Treasurer for the last fiscal year, have examined the same and find them all correct, and the general balances of Cash reported by him as belonging to the several funds in his charge, to be on deposit in the Bank of Cape Fear, Fayetteville.

The Scale of Assessments will be the subject of a future Report.

WM. N. HAWKS, Ch'n.

The Committee on the subject of the salary of the Bishop of this Diocese made the following Report, and recommend the resolution appended to the Report:

The Committee to whom was referred the resolution to inquire into the expediency of increasing the salary of the Bishop of this Diocese and of providing him with a suitable residence, have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report: That they deem it inexpedient at present to take any measures towards procuring or fixing the residence of the Bishop; but they recommend that his salary shall be increased to the sum of Three Thousand Dollars per annum.

A. J. DEROSSET, Jr., Ch'n.

Resolved, That the salary of the Bishop of this Diocese be increased, and fixed at Three Thousand Dollars.

On motion of Mr. Ruffin, Resolved, That the sum of \$3000 be stricken out, and \$2500 inserted. Which motion, after full debate,

was adopted, and the salary of the Bishop of the Diocese was fixed at \$2500.

The Committee on the State of the Church made the following Report, which was adopted:

REPORT of the Committee on the State of the Church.

The Committee on the State of the Church respectfully report: That they have examined the Parochial Reports submitted to them, and find that there have been 438 Baptisms; that there are 1022 Catechumens; 1778 Communicants; 73 Marriages; 166 Burials. There have been only 41 Confirmations,—the smallness of the number being attributable to the peculiar state of the Diocese. These statistics the Committee do not believe shew the true state of the Church, as there are a number of Parishes from which no Parochial Report has been received. The Committee beg leave to bring to the notice of the Convention, the suggestion made by the Committee on the State of the Church to the last Convention, to-wit: that there should be one or more Missionaries at large in the Diocese.

The present state of peace and confidence of the Church in this Diocese, when we consider the events which have occurred to try her faith and patience, exhibits the love and allegiance of the hearts of her Clergy and people to her doctrines, discipline and worship, and is just cause of thankfulness to her Great Head, our Lord Christ.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAM'L I. JOHNSTON, Ch'n.

Mr. J. H. Haughton moved to take up the order of the day, being the election of a Bishop of this Diocese.

Leave was granted that the Clergy should retire for consultation, and after waiting some time for their return, the Lay members took a recess until 5 o'clock P. M.

5 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Convention met, notice having been received that, under the Constitution of the Church in this Diocese, the Clergy were ready to nominate an individual for the office of Bishop.

The list of the Clergy was called, and as they were called each member deposited his ballot.

On counting the ballots, it was found that there were 27 present entitled to vote and had voted, of which two-thirds, or 18, were necessary for a choice; whereof the Rev. Thomas Atkinson, D. D., of Baltimore, had received 20 votes; Rev. R. S. Mason, D. D., of Raleigh, received 3; Right Rev. Dr. Southgate, of Boston, 2; and that 2 votes were blank.

Rev. T. Atkinson, D. D., was therefore declared duly nominated and appointed by the Clergy.

The Lay vote being called for, the list of the Parishes entitled to vote, and represented in this Convention, was called. 30 Parishes voted; whereof 25 voted to confirm the nomination and appointment of the Clergy; 3 voted in the negative; and 2 voted blank.

The Rev. T. Atkinson, D. D., having thus received two-thirds of the votes of each Order in this Convention, was by the President declared duly elected Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina.

The Secretary was directed to prepare the usual Testimonial for the Bishop elect.

On motion the Convention adjourned to 8½ o'clock P. M.

8½ O'CLOCK P. M.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The President of the Convention being absent, the Rev. Dr. Wheat was requested by him to take the Chair, which was done, and the Convention proceeded to business.

The Testimonial for the Bishop elect, required by Canon III of 1832, was read, and the Clergy and Laity proceeded to sign the same as their names were called.

Mr. R. Strange, appointed on the Committee to prepare a Statement in relation to the case of the late Bishop and the Diocese, asked leave to be excused from serving on the Committee; and leave was granted by the Convention.

Resolved, That the Convention proceed to appoint Alternate Delegates to the General Convention.

On motion, the usual mode of ballot was dispensed with, and the 4 Clergymen and the 4 Laymen who received the greatest number of votes after the 4 Clergymen and 4 Laymen elected, be the Alternate Delegates; which was agreed to.

The Rev. A. F. Olmsted, Rev. Jos. C. Huske, Rev. Jos. Blount Cheshire, Rev. F. M. Hubbard, Thomas Ruffin, G. E. Badger, Dr. F. J. Hill, J. H. Haughton, are the Alternate Delegates to the next General Convention of the Church.

The Rev. Mr. Huske made the following Report from the Committee on the Relief Fund:

REPORT of the Committee on the Relief Fund.

The Committee on the Relief Fund respectfully report: That there has been paid into the Treasury during the past year the sum of \$437 88; which being added to the balance on hand last year of \$42 18, amounts to \$480 06. Of this Fund, Mrs. Wiley has received the sum of \$258 74, and Mrs. Thurston the sum of \$139 32; leaving a balance in the Treasury at present of \$82 00.

22 Parishes have paid the Assessment for this Fund in full; 5 Parishes have exceeded the Assessment by small sums; 16 Parishes have not contributed at all to this Fund; and 9 have contributed only in part.

It appears that there has been an increase of contribution to this Fund, during the past year, of \$47 19.

The Committee have nothing to add to this statement, by way of urging the claims of this Fund upon the members of the Church, except to commend the subject to the serious consideration of the delinquent Parishes.

J. C. HUSKE.

On motion of Mr. J. H. Haughton, which motion was amended by a motion of the Rev. Mr. Geer,

Resolved, That the Standing Committee of the Diocese be instructed and requested to inform the Rev. T. Atkinson, D. D., Bishop elect, of his election.

Which was adopted.

The following were elected the Standing Committee for the ensuing year: Rev. R. S. Mason, D. D., Rev. F. M. Hubbard, Rev. Aldert Smedes, John H. Bryan, Geo. W. Mordecai.

John W. Wright was unanimously appointed Treasurer of the Convention for the ensuing year.

On motion of Mr. Ruffin,

Resolved, That so much of the resolution, adopted May 23d, 1845, providing for the appointment of Trustees for the Church in this Diocese, under the Act of Assembly ratified the 8th day of January 1845, entitled "An Act to amend the Revised Statutes entitled Religious Societies," as appoints Levi Silliman Ives, lately Bishop of the Diocese, one of the Trustees, be and the same is hereby rescinded and repealed; and that hereafter the Bishop of the Diocese, when there is a Bishop, and when there is no Bishop, the President of the Standing Committee, ex-officio, with the two Laymen elected or who may be at any time elected by the Convention, under the said resolution, shall be the Trustees for the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, for the purposes in the said Act mentioned.

On motion of Rev. A. A. Watson,

Resolved, That the Committee appointed to revise the Canons and the Standing Resolutions be continued, with power to report also on the Constitution of the Church in this Diocese as to any amendments, at the next Convention. And that the President of the Convention fill the vacancy occasioned by the removal from the Diocese of the Rev. J. A. Shepherd.

Rev. F. M. Hubbard appointed.

Report of the Treasurer of the Education Fund read and approved.

[*See Appendix.*]

On motion, Resolved, That the next Convention be held in St. James's Church, Wilmington, on the 3d Wednesday in May 1854.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary print and circulate 1500 copies of the Journals and the Convention Sermon, and 500 copies of the Statement to be prepared by the Committee on the case of the late Bishop.

At 10 o'clock P. M., on motion, adjourned to Monday, 5 o'clock A. M.

Saturday Evening, Prayers were said and a Sermon preached by the Rev. W. E. Snowden.

SUNDAY,

Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Mr. Parkman, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Wheat.

The Ante-Communion Service by the Rev. Dr. Drane.

The Epistle and Gospel read by the Rev. Mr. Mott.

Sermon preached by the Rev. A. A. Watson, from 10th chapter of St. Luke's Gospel, 25th to 28th verses inclusive.

After Service, the Holy Communion was administered by the Rev. R. S. Mason, D. D., to the Clergy, and, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Mott, Drane and Johnston, to a large number of recipients.

On Sunday night, Service was read by the Rev. R. H. Mason, and a Missionary Sermon preached by the Rev. Thomas F. Davis, Jr., and a collection made of \$174 60.

MONDAY, 5 o'clock A. M.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Minutes of Saturday read.

On motion of Dr. F. J. Hill,

Resolved, That the Minutes be amended by striking out the record as read. and stating that Rev. Dr. Atkinson was elected Bishop by the constitutional majority.

Which motion was not carried.

The Minutes were found correct.

The Rev. Mr. Parker made the following Report from the Standing Missionary Committee, which was adopted:

REPORT of the Standing Missionary Committee,

The Missionary Committee respectfully report: That there are seventeen Ministers—more than one-half of all engaged in the regular discharge of Parochial duty—who, during the past Conventional year, have been assisted by the contributions of the Diocese at large; while not quite two-thirds of the amount of the Assessments have been paid by the several Parishes. In view of these facts, in connection with the gratifying intelligence that fresh fields of promise are continually inviting the labors of our Ministers, your Committee would urgently press upon all the members of the Church, especially at this time, the high obligation of appropriating freely of their substance to this department of christian charity; while they would recommend to the consideration of the Parishes receiving assistance, the duty of making more strenuous efforts to supply for themselves the blessings of the Gospel, and to provide for the support and comfort of those who serve them in the Lord. This visible proof that the value of their services was felt and appreciated, would cheer the hearts and strengthen the hands of their faithful Ministers, and encourage them to engage with greater energy and zeal

in the labors of their holy office; while by the blessing of God upon every thing that is freely done for His sake, the sacrifice and self-denial which might be required to effect it would result in their own spiritual improvement. Thus, too, they would directly promote the extension and prosperity of our beloved Zion, by enabling the Executive Committee to dispense the contributions of the Church at large to other Stations more needy of their help. In this connection your Committee desire to express the sincere gratification with which they have learned that two Parishes, which up to this time have received aid from the Missionary fund, have resolved to forego that assistance, and under the blessing of God to provide out of their own means for the support of the Gospel—and earnestly to recommend their good example, so far as it is practicable, to the imitation of others.

The Committee recommend the same Scale of Assessments for Missionary purposes, and earnestly press upon the Parishes the duty of paying the same punctually.

JNO. H. PARKER.

On motion of Mr. Hale, Resolved, That the Scale of Assessments for the Bishop's Salary and Contingent Fund be increased one-third for the year 1853.

Which was adopted.

The letter of the Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, in relation to the amendment of the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, was read, and the amendment, after discussion, was rejected.

No further business, after Prayers by the President, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

EDW'D LEE WINSLOW, Sec'y.



APPENDIX.

SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS.

	Bishop's Salary and Contingent	Missionary Fund.	Relief Fund.
St. James's church, Wilmington.....	\$300 00	\$350 00	\$60 00
St. John's church, Fayetteville.....	280 00	320 00	60 00
Christ church, Raleigh.....	280 00	320 00	60 00
Christ church, Newbern.....	280 00	320 00	60 00
St. Paul's church, Edenton.....	266 00	300 00	48 00
St. Peter's, Washington.....	185 00	150 00	30 00
St. Mary's school.....		150 00	12 00
Emmanuel church, Warrenton.....	67 00	75 00	18 00
St. Luke's, Salisbury.....	35 00	35 00	10 00
St. Stephen's, Oxford.....	35 00	35 00	10 00
Trinity church, Scotland Neck.....	48 00	65 00	12 00
St. John's in the Wilderness.....	48 00	55 00	12 00
St. Matthew's, Hillsborough.....	47 00	25 00	12 00
Christ church, Elizabeth City.....	40 00	50 00	12 00
St. Bartholomew's, Pittsborough.....	40 00	45 00	12 00
St. John's, Williamsborough.....	20 00	20 00	5 00
Calvary church, Tarborough.....	34 00	50 00	9 60
Missionary Station in Seuppernong.....	34 00	38 00	9 60
Church of the Holy Innocents, Henderson.....	24 00	27 00	5 06
Trinity Chapel, Beaufort.....	30 00	36 00	9 60
Calvary church, Wadesborough.....	27 00	30 00	6 00
St. Thomas's, Bath.....	27 00	30 00	6 00
Holy Trinity, Hertford, Perquimons.....	27 00	30 00	2 40
St. Thomas's, Windsor.....	27 00	30 00	6 00
Christ church, Rowan.....	20 00	22 00	4 50
St. Thomas's, Craven.....	20 00	22 00	4 50
St. James's, Granville.....	20 00	30 00	4 50
St. Paul's, Louisburg.....	20 00	22 00	4 50
Zion chapel, Beaufort.....	18 00	18 00	3 60
Grace church, Plymouth.....	18 00	18 00	3 60
St. Mary's, Orange.....	13 00	15 00	3 60
St. Mary's, Kinston.....	15 00	15 00	3 60
Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill.....	15 00	15 00	3 60
St. Mark's church, Chatham county.....	15 00	15 00	3 60
Church of the Redemption, Lexington.....	7 50	10 00	3 60
St. Paul's, Granville.....	15 00	15 00	3 60
Grace church, Morganton.....	15 00	15 00	3 60
Christ church, Rockfish.....	15 00	15 00	3 60
Gethsemane, Falkland, Pitt county.....	15 00	15 00	2 40
St. Luke's, Lincolnton.....	15 00	15 00	3 60
St. Philip's church, Mocksville.....	7 50	8 00	2 40
St. Peter's, Charlotte.....	7 50	15 00	2 40
St. John's, Pitt county.....	7 50	15 00	2 40
St. Luke's church, Washington county.....	7 50	7 00	2 40
St. John's, Rutherfordton.....	7 50	10 00	2 40
Church of the Advent, Williamston.....	7 50	9 00	2 40
Old St. Philip's, Smithville.....	8 00	9 00	2 40
Church of the Saviour, Jackson.....	8 00	9 00	2 40
Trinity church, Asheville.....	8 00	9 00	2 40
Church of the Epiphany, Leaksville.....	10 00	12 00	5 00
St. Mark's, Halifax.....	10 00		
	\$2496 00	\$3038 00	\$584 30

FAYETTEVILLE, May 23, 1853.

Permanent Fund for the support of the Episcopate; the Permanent of the Convention; the Missionary Fund for current purposes; and the deceased Clergymen.

year ending with the Convention of 1853.

for the Bishop's salary and contingent expenses of the Convention," advance was made under the recommendation of the Standing Committee is referred.

J. W. WRIGHT, Treas'r.

Episcopate,) in account with the Treasurer of the Convention. Cr.

1852,		
May 15.	By balance per statement rendered to Convention of 1852	\$11,116 50
22.	By cash from Rev J. A. Shepherd, for contribution to this Fund from Lake chapel, Washington county,	100 00
Oct. 11.	By this sum transferred from account of "Diocese of North Carolina for Bishop's salary and contingent expenses of the Convention," for purchase of Bank Stock,	608 00
		<hr/> \$11,824 50
1853,		
May 23.	By balance,	<hr/> \$11,824 50

received from Bequests,) in account with Treasurer of Convention. Cr.

1852,		
May 15.	By balance per statement rendered to Convention of 1852	\$1,202 50
Nov. 1.	By cash from Bk Cape Fear, div. 4 per ct. on 11 sh's stock	44 00
May 2.	By ditto ditto, for ditto,	44 00
		<hr/> \$1,290 50
1853,		
May 23.	By balance,	<hr/> \$1,290 50

DR. *Diocese of North Carolina, (for Bishop's salary and contingent*

1852,		
May 22.	To draft Rt Rev L. S. Ives, on account of salary,	\$434 00
26.	To ac't pd E. L. Winslow, Sec'y, postages and stationery,	7 75
June 18.	To ditto E. J. Hale & Son, printing and forwarding 1000 copies of Journals of Convention of 1852,	110 00
Aug. 14.	To ditto ditto, printing 500 forms of Parochial Re- ports and postage,	13 65
Sept. 4.	To dft Rt Rev L. S. Ives, favor C. Dewey, Cash'r, salary,	450 00
Oct. 5.	To ditto ditto, favor Mrs F. Thurston, do,	120 00
22.	To ditto ditto, favor Brown & DeRosset, New York, in full of salary to 1st June 1853,	796 00
	To this sum transferred to Permanent Episcopal Fund, for purchase of Bank stock,	608 00
Nov. 26.	To cash paid tax on interest on Funds invested for 1851,	13 50
1853,		
May 23.	To ditto postage account to this date,	2 28
	To new account for balance,	852 11

\$3,407 29

expenses of Convention,) in account with Treasurer of Convention. CR.

1852,		
May 15.	By balance per statement rendered to Convention of 1852,	\$843 89
22.	By cash fm Rev Dr Drane, Ass't, St. James's ch, Wilmington	225 00
	From Rev Dr Mason, Christ church, Raleigh,	210 00
	From Rev W. N. Hawks, Christ church, Newbern,	210 00
	From Rev Edwin Geer, St. Peter's church, Washington,	100 00
	From John White, Treas'r, Emmanuel ch., Warrenton,	50 00
	From Rev J. H. Parker, St. Luke's church, Salisbury,	25 00
	From ditto, ch. of the Redemption, Lexington,	5 00
	From Rev J. J. Ridley, St. Stephen's church, Oxford,	25 00
	From ditto, St. Paul's church, Louisburg,	12 00
	From Rev J. B. Cheshire, Trinity church, Scotland Neck,	36 00
	From ditto, Calvary church, Tarborough,	25 00
	From ditto, St. Thomas's church, Windsor,	10 00
	From Rt Rev L. S. Ives, St. John's in the Wilderness,	35 00
	From ditto, St. Thomas's church, Bath,	10 00
	From Rev J. B. Donnelly, St. Matthew's ch., Hillsboro',	35 00
	From ditto, St. Mary's chapel, Orange,	7 00
	From Rev J. W. Murphy, Christ ch., Elizabeth City,	30 00
	From H. A. London, St. Bartholomew's ch., Pittsborough	30 00
	From ditto, St. Mark's church, Chatham,	4 00
	From Rev T. F. Davis, Jr, St. John's ch., Williamsboro',	10 00
	From ditto, ch. of Holy Innocents, Henderson,	18 00
	From Rev J. A. Shepherd, Lake chapel, Washington co.,	25 00
	From J. H. Laughinghouse, Trinity chapel, Beaufort,	24 00
	From Wm. E. Troy, Calvary church, Wadesborough,	20 00
	From Rev W. E. Snowden, ch. of Holy Trinity, Hertford,	20 00
	From Rev J. G. Jacocks, Christ church, Rowan,	14 15
	From ditto, St. Andrew's church, Rowan,	8 25
	From Rev A. A. Watson, Grace church, Plymouth,	12 00
	From ditto, St. Luke's ch., Washington co.,	5 00
	From Rev F. M. Hubbard, chapel of the Cross, Ch'l Hill,	10 00
	From Rev T. S. W. Mott, St. Luke's church, Lincolnnton,	10 00
	From ditto, St. Peter's church, Charlotte,	5 00
	From Rev Jarvis Buxton, St. John's ch., Rutherfordton,	5 00
	From ditto, Trinity church, Asheville,	6 00
	From Dr John Hill, St. Philip's church, Smithville,	6 00
	From Rev F. Fitzgerald, church of the Saviour, Jackson,	6 00
	From Rev R. W. Barber, St. Paul's ch., Wilkesborough,	3 00
	From Rev J. J. Ridley, (donation from Granville,)	5 00
26.	From W. J. Ellison, As't, ch. of the Advent, Williamston,	6 00
June 8.	From Rev N. C. Hughes, St. John's church, Pitt county,	10 00
	From ditto, Gethsemane church, Falkland,	2 00
21.	From Rev J. R. Lee, church of the Epiphany, Leaksville,	8 00
Sept. 27.	From Rev A. A. Watson, Grace church, Plymouth,	12 00
	From ditto, St. Luke's ch., Washington co.,	5 00
Oct. 5.	From L. S. Webb, St. Thomas's church, Windsor,	10 00
11.	Interest for half-year ending 1st July on \$7500 Bonds of Raleigh and Gaston Rail Road Company,	225 00
Nov. 1.	From Bk Cape Fear, div. of 4 per cent. on 43 shares stock	172 00
1853,		
Feb'y 2.	Interest for half-year ending 1st Jan'y on \$7500 Bonds of Raleigh and Gaston Rail Road Company,	225 00
May 2.	From Bk Cape Fear, div. of 4 per cent. on 43 shares stock	172 00
21.	From J. Carmon, Treas'r, As't, St. John's ch., Fayetteville	210 00
23.	From Rev Dr Mason, Christ church, Raleigh,	210 00
		<u>\$3,407 29</u>
	By balance,	\$852 11

DR. *Diocese of North Carolina, (for Missionary Fund for current*

1852,			
May 20.	To Sec'y's draft in favor of Rev W. W. Skiles, in full to Convention of 1852,		\$50 00
	Ditto Rev F. Fitzgerald,	ditto,	50 00
31.	Ditto Rev J. W. Murphy, ac't of services com. Con. 1852,		50 00
Sept. 15.	Ditto ditto,	ditto,	50 00
	Ditto Rev H. Hewitt,	ditto, Aug. 1, 1852,	50 00
Nov. 16.	Ditto Rev P. Gallagher,	ditto, June 27, 1852,	50 00
	Ditto Rev F. Fitzgerald,	ditto, Conv. of 1852,	50 00
	Ditto Rev R. W. Barber,	ditto, ditto,	50 00
	Ditto Rev J. R. Lee,	ditto, ditto,	100 00
17.	Ditto Rev H. H. Prout,	ditto, ditto,	100 00
	Ditto Rev Jarvis Buxton,	ditto, ditto,	100 00
	Ditto Rev J. J. Ridley,	ditto, ditto,	50 00
	Ditto Rev J. G. Jacocks,	ditto, ditto,	50 00
	Ditto Rev A. A. Watson,	ditto, ditto,	100 00
	Ditto Rev Geo. Patterson,	ditto, ditto,	25 00
	Ditto Rev A. F. Olmsted,	ditto, ditto,	100 00
	Ditto Rev W. E. Snowden,	ditto, ditto,	100 00
	Ditto Rev T. S. W. Mott,	ditto, ditto,	75 00
	Ditto Rev J. B. Donnelly,	ditto, ditto,	75 00
	Ditto Rev J. G. Jacocks, for prayer books and tracts,		10 00
31.	Ditto Rev R. H. Mason, ac't services, com. Sept. 1, 1852,		75 00
1853,			
April 6.	Ditto Rev P. Gallagher, in full to this date,		65 00
May 2.	Ditto Rev H. Hewitt, in full to Convention of 1853,		75 00
	Ditto Rev J. W. Murphy,	ditto,	50 00
	Ditto Rev F. Fitzgerald,	ditto,	50 00
	Ditto Rev R. W. Barber,	ditto,	50 00
	Ditto Rev H. H. Prout,	ditto,	100 00
	Ditto Rev Jarvis Buxton,	ditto,	100 00
	Ditto Rev J. J. Ridley,	ditto,	50 00
	Ditto Rev J. G. Jacocks,	ditto,	50 00
	Ditto Rev A. A. Watson,	ditto,	100 00
	Ditto Rev Geo. Patterson,	ditto,	50 00
	Ditto Rev A. F. Olmsted,	ditto,	100 00
	Ditto Rev W. E. Snowden,	ditto,	100 00
	Ditto Rev T. S. W. Mott,	ditto,	75 00
	Ditto Rev J. B. Donnelly,	ditto,	50 00
	Ditto Rev R. H. Mason,	ditto,	31 25
23.	To new account for balance,		2,456 25
			807 89

\$3,264 14

purposes,) in account with the Treasurer of the Convention.

CR.

1852,		
May 15.	By balance per statement rendered to Convention of 1852	\$1,217 42
22.	By cash from Rev Dr Drane, As't, St. James's ch., Wil-	
	mington, payment 1852, balance,	150 00
	From Rev A. Smedes, St. Mary's school, Raleigh, balance	73 25
	From Rev J. B. Cheshire, Trinity ch., Scotland Neck, do.	25 00
	From ditto, Calvary ch., Tarborough, do.	20 00
	From ditto, St. Thomas's church, Windsor,	15 00
	From Rev W. N. Hawks, Christ church, Newbern,	150 13
	From Rev C. F. McRae, Emmanuel church, Warrenton,	65 00
	From Rev J. H. Parker, St. Luke's church, Salisbury,	57 10
	From ditto, ch. of the Redemption, Lexington,	10 00
	From Rev J. J. Ridley, St. Stephen's church, Oxford,	13 00
	From Rev J. B. Donnelly, St. Matthew's ch., Hillsboro',	25 00
	From ditto, St. Mary's church, Orange,	6 00
	From Rev J. W. Murphy, Christ church, Elizabeth City,	50 00
	From H. A. London, St. Bartholomew's ch., Pittsborough	45 00
	From ditto, St. Mark's church, Chatham,	3 00
	From Rev T. F. Davis, Jr., St. John's ch., Williamsboro',	16 00
	From ditto, ch. of Holy Innocents, Henderson,	27 00
	From Rev J. A. Shepherd, Lake chapel, Washington co.,	38 00
	From ditto, donation from ditto,	72 00
	From ditto, As't, Pettigrew's chapel, ditto,	50 00
	From J. H. Laughinghouse, Trinity chapel, Beaufort,	9 00
	From Rev W. E. Snowden, ch. of Holy Trinity, Hertford,	30 00
	From Rev A. A. Watson, Grace church, Plymouth,	18 00
	From ditto, St. Luke's ch., Washington co.,	7 00
	From ditto, donation from Williamston,	5 00
	From Rev J. J. Ridley, ditto from Granville,	5 00
	From Rev F. M. Hubbard, chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill	15 00
	From Rev T. S. W. Mott, St. Luke's church, Lincolnton,	15 00
	From ditto, St. Peter's church, Charlotte,	8 00
	From Rev Jarvis Buxton, St. John's ch., Rutherfordton,	10 00
	From ditto, Trinity church, Asheville,	9 00
	From Dr John Hill, St. Philip's church, Smithville,	9 00
	From Rev F. Fitzgerald, ch. of the Saviour, Jackson,	15 00
	From Rev R. W. Barber, St. Paul's ch., Wilkesborough,	5 00
	From Rev J. C. Huske, Missionary collection at Conv'n,	168 45
26.	From W. J. Ellison, ch. of the Advent, Williamston,	9 00
June 8.	From Rev N. C. Hughes, Trinity chapel, Beaufort,	1 50
	From ditto, St. John's, Pitt county,	15 00
	From ditto, Gethsemane Parish, Pitt county,	2 00
21.	From Rev J. R. Lee, ch. of the Epiphany, Leaksville,	12 00
Dec. 23.	From Rev J. B. Cheshire, Calvary ch., Tarboro', payable	
	at Convention 1853,	30 00
	From ditto, Trinity ch., Scotland Neck, do.	35 00
1853,		
Jan'y 3.	From T. H. Wright, Treas'r, St. James's, Wilmington, do.	200 00
Feb'y 17.	From Rev A. Smedes, St. Mary's school, Raleigh, do.	90 00
22.	From W. Badham, St. Paul's church, Edenton, do.	111 00
May 14.	From ditto, ditto, ditto, do.	31 13
21.	From J. Carmon, Treas'r, St. John's ch., Fayetteville, do.	221 13
	From Rev. A. Smedes, St. Mary's school, Raleigh, do.	50 00
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		\$3,264 14
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23.	By balance,	\$807 89
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Clergymen and Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen,) in ac-
of the Convention. CR.

1852,		
May 15.	By balance per statement rendered to Convention of 1852	\$42 18
22.	By cash from Rev W. N. Hawks, As't, Christ ch., Newbern	29 17
	From Rev Edwin Geer, St. Peter's ch., Washington,	11 36
	From Rev C. F. McRae, Emmanuel church, Warrenton,	15 00
	From Rev A. Smedes, St. Mary's school, Raleigh,	12 00
	From Rev J. H. Parker, St. Luke's church, Salisbury,	10 00
	From ditto, ch. of the Redemption, Lexington,	3 60
	From Rev J. B. Cheshire, Trinity church, Scotland Neck,	12 00
	From ditto, Calvary church, Tarborough,	9 00
	From Rev J. B. Donnelly, St. Matthew's ch., Hillsboro',	12 00
	From Rev J. W. Murphy, Christ church, Elizabeth City,	12 00
	From H. A. London, St. Bartholomew's ch., Pittsborough	12 00
	From ditto, St. Mark's church, Chatham,	2 15
	From Rev T. F. Davis, Jr., St. John's ch., Williamsboro',	4 00
	From ditto, ch. of Holy Innocents, Henderson	5 00
	From J. H. Laughinghouse, Trinity chapel, Beaufort,	8 00
	From W. E. Troy, Calvary church, Wadesborough,	6 00
	From Rev W. E. Snowden, ch of Holy Trinity, Hertford,	2 50
	From Rev A. A. Watson, Grace church, Plymouth,	3 60
	From ditto, St. Luke's ch., Washington co.,	2 40
	From Rev F. M. Hubbard, chapel of the Cross, Ch'l Hill,	3 60
	From Rev T. S. W. Mott, St. Luke's church, Lincolnton,	3 60
	From ditto, St. Peter's church, Charlotte,	2 40
	From Rev Jarvis Buxton, St. John's ch., Rutherfordton,	2 40
	From ditto, Trinity church, Asheville,	2 40
	From Dr John Hill, St. Philip's church, Smithville,	2 40
	From Rev F Fitzgerald, church of the Saviour, Jackson,	3 00
	From Rev J. A. Shepherd, Lake chapel, Washington co.,	9 60
	From Rev J. J. Ridley, donation from Granville,	10 00
26.	From W. J. Ellison, As't, ch. of the Advent, Williamston,	2 00
June 8.	From Rev N. C. Hughes, Trinity Parish, Beaufort,	5 55
	From ditto, St. John's church, Pitt county,	2 50
	From ditto, Gethsemane church, Falkland,	1 00
	From Rev N. C. Hughes, St. Paul's church, Greenville,	3 65
	From Rev J. A. Shepherd, donation from friends of the Church at Pettigrew's chapel, Washington county,	20 00
21.	From Rev J. R. Lee, As't, ch. of the Epiphany, Leaksville	5 00
29.	Donation from a lady of St. John's church, Fayetteville,	5 00
1853,		
Jan'y 3.	From T. H. Wright, As't, St. James's ch., Wilmington,	60 00
Feb'y 2.	From J. Carmon, Treas'r, St. John's church, Fayetteville	40 00
17.	From Rev A. Smedes, St. Mary's school, Raleigh,	10 00
May 21.	From ditto, ditto, ditto,	12 00
	From J. Carmon, Treas'r, St. John's ch., Fayetteville, bal	20 00
23.	From Rev Dr Mason, Christ church, Raleigh,	40 00
		\$480 06
	By balance,	\$82 00

J. W. WRIGHT, Treas'r.

George W. Mordecai, Treasurer of Education Committee, in account with said Committee.

	Dr.	Dr.
1852,		
August. To cash rec'd from Rev Dr R. S. Mason, contribution from Fayetteville.....	\$5 00	
30. Ditto Rev J. Buxton, Asheville.....	4 00	
Sept. 6. Ditto Rev E. Geer, Washington.....	20 53	
28. Ditto Rev Thos. F. Davis, Jr., Henderson.....	7 00	
Nov. 16. Ditto J. McKimmon, Treas'r, Christ ch., Raleigh. Ditto dividend on 5 shares Fayetteville and Western Plank Road stock, given to this Fund by A. J. DeRosset, Jr.....	8 28	
	7 50	
Ditto Rev R. S. Mason, Raleigh.....	27 00	
Dec. 8. Ditto Rev A. A. Watson, Plymouth.....	8 00	
Ditto Rev J. Donnelly, Hillsborough.....	7 00	
24. Ditto Rev A. A. Watson, Plymouth.....	2 00	
1853,		
Feb'y 28. Ditto Rev. J. B. Cheshire, Scotland Neck.....	39 00	
Ditto ditto, Tarborough.....	21 00	
May 4. Ditto dividend on 5 shares Plank Road stock.....	10 00	
28. Ditto Rev N. C. Hughes, Trinity chapel, Beaufort	10 00	
By balance in Treasurer's hands.....		\$176 31
	\$176 31	\$176 31

The above exhibits the state of the Education Fund up to this day. The only amount invested is the 5 shares of Fayetteville and Western Plank Road Stock, presented by Dr. A. J. DeRosset, Jr.

GEO. W. MORDECAI, Treas'r, &c.

Raleigh, May 28, 1853.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN NORTH CAROLINA.

ARTICLE I.

The Protestant Episcopal Church in this State, accedes to, recognises and adopts, the General Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, and acknowledges its authority accordingly.

ARTICLE II.

There shall be an Annual Convention of the Church in this Diocese at such time and place as may be fixed by the next preceding Convention.

ARTICLE III.

The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen. Each regularly ordained Minister, of either order, being settled with a parochial charge in this State; or being a President, Professor, or Instructor of youth, in any Seminary of Learning in this State; or being a Missionary of the Protestant Episcopal Church, acting under the direction of the Ecclesiastical authority of this Diocese, shall be entitled to a seat and a vote in the Convention; *provided* he shall have been actually and canonically a resident of the State, or shall have been a candidate for orders belonging to this Diocese, for the space of twelve calendar months next before the Convention. Each Church or Congregation in this Diocese, which is now a member, or shall hereafter be admitted a member of this Convention, shall be entitled to send to the Convention one or more Lay Delegates, not exceeding four, to be chosen by the Vestry or by the Congregation, from among the members of such Congregation. Provided, however, that no one person shall be the Delegate of more than one Church or Congregation at the same Convention. Provided, also, that this Article shall not exclude from the Convention any Clergyman who is now and shall continue to be a resident in this State, and who is now a member of this Convention.

ARTICLE IV.

Every Convention shall be opened with Prayer, and a Sermon, which shall be delivered by some Clergyman who has been nominated by the Ecclesiastical authority of the Church.

ARTICLE V.

A President shall be annually appointed, who shall preside in all meetings of the Convention, except when a Bishop shall be present, when he shall, *ex-officio*, be President.

ARTICLE VI.

A Secretary shall be annually chosen, whose duty it shall be to keep

a record of the proceedings, and to give timely notice to each Minister and Vestry, of the time and place of each meeting of the Convention in this Diocese.

ARTICLE VII.

A Standing Committee, of not less than three nor more than seven persons, shall be annually chosen by ballot. They shall have power to admit Candidates for the Ministry, and when there is not a Bishop, they shall examine and pass on the testimonials of foreign Clergymen. They may call special meetings of the Convention; and shall transact all other business as they are empowered to do by the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention. They shall also have power to fill any vacancies that may occur in their own body by death, removal, or otherwise, during the recess of the Annual Convention.

ARTICLE VIII.

A majority of the Standing Committee of this Church shall at all times be Clergymen of this Diocese; and no Layman shall be appointed a member of said Committee, except he be a Communicant of the Episcopal Church.

ARTICLE IX.

In all questions which shall come before the Convention, when it shall be required by the Delegation of one Church or Congregation, or by any one Clerical member, the Laity shall vote by Congregations. And when it shall be so required, the two orders shall vote separately, and in the latter case, the concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to make a decision of the Convention. When no such division of the Convention shall be required, each member of the Convention, both Clerical and Lay, shall be entitled to one vote.

ARTICLE X.

The election of a Bishop in this Diocese shall be made in the following manner: The order of the Clergy shall nominate and appoint by ballot, some fit and qualified Clergyman for that office, and if this appointment be approved by the Lay order, he shall be declared duly elected. In the above-mentioned nomination and appointment, a majority of each order shall determine the choice—provided that two-thirds of all the Clergy entitled to votes be present; and two-thirds of all the Congregations entitled to votes be represented; otherwise two-thirds of the votes of each order shall be necessary to determine the choice.

ARTICLE XI.

This Constitution shall not be altered or amended, except by the concurrent votes of two-thirds of the attending members at an annual meeting of the Convention—such vote being taken in accordance with the preceding provisions of this Constitution.

ARTICLE XII.

Each Church or Congregation in this Diocese, which is now a member, or shall hereafter be admitted a member of this Convention, shall be entitled to elect by its Vestry, in addition to those authorised by the third Article, four Alternate Delegates, to fill any vacancy in the delegation elect in the order of their election.

CANONS

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN NORTH CAROLINA.

CANON I—PASSED APRIL 1817.—*Of Presentments.*

Every trial of a Clergyman in this Church, for misbehaviour, shall be on presentment, made to the Bishop by the Convention, by the Vestry of the Parish to which the Clergyman belongs, or by three or more Presbyters of the Church. In every presentment the charge or charges shall be distinctly specified.

CANON II—PASSED APRIL 1817.—*Of the Trial of a Clergyman.*

For the trial of a Clergyman, the Bishop shall appoint three Presbyters, who shall be constituted a board for trying the accused person. The Bishop shall fix the time and place of trial; of both which, at least a month's notice shall be given to the party accused; and should he neglect or refuse to attend, the trial shall proceed. The Board thus constituted, shall examine fully, the charges alleged, and keep a minute and accurate record of the testimony of the witnesses, and of every question and proceeding that comes before them. No charge shall be substantiated on the testimony of less than two witnesses. On the examination of any witness, should the accused party require it, an oath or affirmation shall be administered by a magistrate. In all questions, a unanimous vote shall be necessary to a decision. Having come to a decision on the charge or charges respectively, the Board shall communicate their decision to the Bishop—and also, in case they have found the accused guilty, the sentence which, in their opinion, should be pronounced. A certified copy of the record of their proceedings shall be laid before the Bishop, and his judgment in the case be final.

CANON III—PASSED APRIL 1817.—*Of the sentence to be pronounced upon a Clergyman found guilty of Misbehaviour.*

This sentence may be admonition, suspension, degradation from the ministry, or excommunication; and shall be pronounced by the Bishop and communicated to every parish in the Diocese.

CANON IV—PASSED APRIL 1819.—*Respecting the Call of a Special Convention.*

When a Special Convention is called, it shall be the duty of the Secretary in issuing the notifications, to specify therein the business and purposes for which the Convention is to be assembled.

CANON V—PASSED APRIL 1819.—*Concerning Parochial Registers and Reports.*

In order to give effect to the 40th Canon of the General Convention in 1808, it is hereby required that each Minister of this Church shall

keep a register of all the Baptisms, Marriages, and Funerals, solemnized by him in the discharge of his Ministry; specifying the names of the parties married, the name and time of the birth of the child baptised, with the names of the parents, and the name of the person buried, and the time when each rite is performed; which register shall be transcribed, at least once in every month, in a book to be kept for that purpose, belonging to the Vestry of each Church. He shall also keep a register of the names of the Communicants within his care. And it shall be the duty of each Minister to report annually to the Bishop, at the meeting of the Convention, the amount or sum total of said registers, and also the amount of the register of adults required to be kept by the aforesaid Canon of the General Convention, together with a written account of the state of the Parish. Which reports shall be by the Bishop communicated to the Convention, and read in their presence, in order to promote a general knowledge of the state of the Church; and shall afterwards be preserved by the Secretary among the records of the Convention.

CANON VI—PASSED APRIL 1819.—*The Clergy required to attend the Meetings of the Convention.*

Whereas the regular attendance of the Clergy at the meetings of the Convention is of essential consequence to the interest of the Church, this duty is hereby enjoined on them. At the opening of each Convention, the names of the Clergy entitled to seats therein shall be called over, the absentees noted, and at the ensuing Convention they shall be called upon for the reasons of their absence.

CANON VII—PASSED MAY 1842, INSTEAD OF THE ONE PASSED MAY 1821.—*Of the Forming of a Congregation.*

Any ten or more Adults may form themselves into a Congregation of this Church, and be received into union with this Convention, by consenting to be governed by the Constitution and Canons of the Church in these United States, as set forth in General Convention, and by the Constitution and Canons of the Church in this Diocese; by assuming a name to designate such Congregation; by electing a Vestry of four or more persons, not exceeding twelve; and by subscribing the following form of Certificate, to be presented to the Convention of the Church in this Diocese:

We, the undersigned, being assembled for the purpose of forming ourselves into a Congregation of the Protestant Episcopal Church in these United States, do certify that we have consented to be governed by the Constitution and Canons of the Church, as set forth in General Convention, and by the Constitution and Canons of the Church in this Diocese; that we have assumed the name of —, [here should follow the name and place,] and have elected the following persons Vestrymen, to-wit: [names of Vestrymen.] In witness whereof, we have subscribed our names, this — day of —, in the year of our Lord —.

CANON VIII—PASSED MAY 1824.—*Respecting Annual Contributions.*

An annual contribution shall be made by each Congregation in this

Diocese, to defray the necessary expenses of the Bishop's visitations, and the contingent charges of the Convention, and likewise to furnish our quota to the contingent expenses of the General Convention, which sums shall be remitted to the Treasurer of the Convention as they shall be received.

CANON IX—PASSED MAY 1824.—*Respecting the Bishop's authority to change the place of holding the Convention.*

In all cases where a contagious disease, or any other sufficient cause, shall render it necessary, the Bishop may change the place of meeting appointed by the Convention.

CANON X—PASSED APRIL 1825.—*To appoint a Treasurer and to prescribe his Duties.*

A Treasurer of the Convention shall be appointed annually. He shall have the custody of all moneys belonging to the Convention, and shall render to the Convention an annual account of all moneys so entrusted to him. The said Treasurer shall, *ex-officio*, receive all money from the Trustees or General Agent of the Fund for the Episcopate as it may be collected, and vest the same, and all interest and dividends thereon, in the Capital Stocks of some one of the Banks of the State.

CANON XI—PASSED MAY 1827.—*Authorising the Treasurer to invest the Money belonging to the Convention.*

The Treasurer of the Convention shall, from time to time, invest in stock, or put out to interest on good security, as he may deem most advantageous, all moneys in the Treasury not especially appropriated; and all sums received for the use of the Episcopate.

CANON XII—PASSED MAY 1830.—*Pointing out the Additional Duties of the Secretary.*

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to preserve for the use of the members of the Convention, during its Sessions, six copies of the Constitution and Canons of this Church; and each year to preserve for the same purpose, six copies of the printed Journals of Convention. These papers the Secretary shall cause to be present at each Convention.

CANON XIII—PASSED MAY 1830.—*On the Election of a Bishop.*

The Lay Delegates of no Congregation which is formed after a vacancy has occurred in the office of Bishop, by death or otherwise, shall vote in the election of the next successor in the office, or upon any question touching such election.

CANON XIV—PASSED MAY 1841.—*Relating to the Standing Committee.*

It shall be the duty of the members of the Standing Committee to hold meetings for the transaction of business at every Convention of the Diocese; and this Canon is hereby declared to be due notice to each member of the same, to assemble at the time and place of the meeting of each Annual Convention.

RESOLUTIONS CONTINUING IN FORCE,—Adopted at various Sitzings of the Convention.

Resolved, That with the consent of his Vestry, it be the duty of every settled Clergyman, not having more than two congregations in his Parochial Cure, to devote one Sunday in every three months to Missionary labor, and that the Bishop have the power of regulating the time and place of service.—*Adopted May 1832.*

Resolved, That the Vestries of such churches in this Diocese as may be destitute of Clergymen, be requested to forward to the Secretary, at least one month before the meeting of every Annual Convention, a report of the state and condition of said churches.—*Adopted June 1835.*

Resolved, That the Treasurer be requested to annex to his Report, the list of those congregations which have failed or may hereafter fail to pay the sums assessed for the Bishop's Salary and Contingent Fund, in the hope, that upon such deficiency being brought to their notice, they may transmit the same promptly.—*Adopted May 1836.*

Resolved, That it be recommended to every Clergyman, to procure annually the sum of at least \$5, in money or books, for the increase of said Library.

Resolved, That each Clergyman present the Librarian with a list of the Books in his own or his Parish Library, so that unnecessary duplicates may not be purchased, and that each may know where to apply for any needed set of books.—*Adopted May 1841.*

Resolved, That every Clergyman of this Diocese, having a Parochial Cure, be hereby enjoined to press upon his congregation, in a public discourse at least once a year, the high obligations under which we lie to contribute from our means, on the principle of Systematic Charity, as recommended by the Bishop and adopted by the Diocese.

Resolved, That each Clergyman having a Parochial Cure, or, where there is no Clergyman, the Wardens of the Parish, be requested to transmit quarterly, to the Treasurer, the amount collected up to that time for Missionary operations.—*Adopted May 1844.*

Resolved, That hereafter, the Constitution and Canons of the Church, and Resolutions of Conventions continuing in force, with the Rules of Order, shall be printed as an Appendix to the Journals of each sitting of the Convention.—*Adopted May 1844.*

Whereas, the General Convention of 1844 enacted a Canon, allowing to each Bishop, under certain limitations and restrictions, a due discretion in the calling, trial, and examination of Deacons, whenever he should be requested so to do by the Convention of his Diocese: Therefore

Resolved, That this Convention does hereby request the Bishop of this Diocese to use the discretion allowed in said Canon, so far as may seem to him for the glory of God and the good of his Church.—*Adopted May 1845.*

Resolved, That hereafter it shall be the duty of the Secretary of each Vestry to transmit to the Minister of the Parish where the Annual Convention of the Diocese may sit, a certificate of the election of the Delegates to said Convention; and to furnish a duplicate of said certificate to some one of said Delegates, whose duty it shall be to hand the same to the Secretary of the Convention in time for proper action thereon.—*Adopted May 1847.*

Resolved, That a Committee, to consist of one Clergyman and two Laymen, be annually appointed by the President of the Convention, to be called "the Committee for the relief of disabled Clergymen, and of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen," whose duty it shall be to ascertain and report the amount of money which will probably be wanted during the succeeding year for such purpose, to make a definite appropriation in each and every case requiring aid, and to make a scale of assessment, upon the Parishes, proportioned generally to the existing scale of assessments for Bishop's salary and Contingent fund. Provided, that in case there be at any time no proper objects, there shall be no call made.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Convention shall be the Treasurer of this Committee, that he receive the moneys contributed to this Fund, and pay them

out on the receipt of the individuals, or their representatives, to whom the appropriations may have been made.—*Adopted May 1848.*

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay the sum of \$50 to all Clergymen who may be appointed and attend as Delegates to the General Convention of the Church from this Diocese.—*Adopted May 1848.*

Resolved, That all sums received for Missionary purposes, by bequest or other extraordinary donation, shall, if consistent with the will of the donors, be paid over to the Treasurer of the Diocese, with directions to fund the same; and furthermore, that for the present, and until otherwise ordered, he be directed to add to the principal the interest as it may accrue.—*Adopted May 1850.*

Resolved, That the salary of the Bishop of this Diocese be increased, and fixed at Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars.—*Adopted May 1853.*

Resolved, That so much of the resolution, adopted May 23d, 1845, providing for the appointment of Trustees for the Church in this Diocese, under the Act of Assembly ratified the 8th day of January 1845, entitled "An Act to amend the Revised Statutes entitled Religious Societies," as appoints Levi Silliman Ives, lately Bishop of the Diocese, one of the Trustees, be and the same is hereby rescinded and repealed; and that hereafter the Bishop of the Diocese, when there is a Bishop, and when there is no Bishop, the President of the Standing Committee, ex-officio, with the two Laymen elected or who may be at any time elected by the Convention, under the said resolution, shall be the Trustees for the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, for the purposes in the said Act mentioned.—*Adopted May 1853.*

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The organization of the Convention by the President.
2. The Convention shall then proceed to appoint a Secretary by ballot.
3. The Committees on the State of the Church, and of Finance, and the Committee on New Congregations, each consisting of five, and a Committee to be called the Missionary Committee, to consist of seven persons, and all Special Committees, shall next be appointed.
4. The Bishop's Annual Address.
5. Parochial Reports to be presented to the Convention.
6. Report from the Standing Committee.
7. Report from the Treasurer.
8. Reports from Committees appointed by the last Convention.
9. Reports from Special Committees.
10. When the President takes the Chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the Chair.
11. Every member who shall deliver his opinion, or speak in any debate, shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, and confine himself strictly to the point in debate.
12. No motion shall be debated, or shall be considered as before the Convention, unless seconded; and, if required, reduced to writing and read by the Secretary.
13. When a question is under consideration, no motion shall be received, unless to lay it upon the table, to postpone it to a certain time, to postpone it indefinitely, to commit it, to amend it, or to divide it; and motions for any of these purposes shall have precedence in the order herein named. The motion to lay upon the table, and to adjourn, shall always be in order.
14. A question once decided, shall stand as the judgment of the Convention, and not be drawn again into debate, except with the consent of two-thirds of the Convention: *Provided always*, that any member of the Convention voting in favor of any resolution, may, on the same day on which the vote is taken, move a re-consideration of said vote.
15. No member shall be absent from the Sessions of the Convention, unless he have leave, or be from sickness unable to attend.
16. When the Convention is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leaves the Chair.

Standing Committee for 1853-54.

Rev. R. S. MASON, D. D.	Hon. JOHN H. BRYAN.
Rev. F. M. HUBBARD.	GEO. W. MORDECAI.
Rev. ALDERT SMEDES.	

Executive Missionary Committee.

Rev. GEORGE BENTON.	JOHN W. WRIGHT.
Rev. JOSEPH C. HUSKE.	C. T. HAIGH.
	E. J. HALE.

Education Committee.

Rev. R. S. MASON, D. D.	Hon. JOHN H. BRYAN.
	G. W. MORDECAI.

Delegates to the General Convention.

Rev. R. S. MASON, D. D.	Hon. JOHN H. BRYAN.
Rev. R. B. DRANE, D. D.	EDWARD LEE WINSLOW.
Rev. S. I. JOHNSTON.	THOS. H. WRIGHT.
Rev. A. A. WATSON.	JOSIAH COLLINS.

Treasurer of the Convention, JOHN W. WRIGHT, Fayetteville.
 Secretary of the Convention, EDWARD LEE WINSLOW, ditto.

☞ The 38th Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of North Carolina, will be held in ST. JAMES'S CHURCH, Wilmington, on the 3d Wednesday in May 1854.

SERMON

PREACHED BEFORE THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CONVENTION OF
THE DIOCESE OF NORTH CAROLINA, MAY 26th, 1853,

By Rev. A. F. OLMSTED.

"In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength."—ISAIAH, xxx, 15.

BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY:

I could have wished that the duty which it happens to me to perform on this occasion, had fallen upon one whose age and experience better fitted him to speak to us words of counsel and encouragement, suited to the times, and to the extraordinary circumstances under which we are, once more, met together. For our circumstances are indeed extraordinary. In this assembly, designed to represent the Church in her constituent parts, we miss him who should be to us the centre of unity, binding all in one. Priest, Deacon, and People are here; but where is our Bishop? Where is he who was wont to preside in our Councils in times past, and who, for more than twenty years, has gone in and out among us, as our Chief Shepherd and Guide? Does sickness withhold him from us? has death robbed us of him, that he is not in his place here to-day among us, as of old? Alas! voluntarily he has left us forever; and in his absence from our midst on this occasion, we read anew the melancholy truth, that the last, and almost the first, Protestant Bishop, who has gone back to the Church of Rome, was the Bishop of our own beloved Diocese.

Of this act by which he has thus separated himself from us, of its antecedents or accompaniments, I propose not now to speak. He who has thus abjured his Apostleship, and forsaken the flock over which the Holy Ghost had made him overseer, has done an act too awful in its character and results, to be made the subject of mere reproach and vituperation. We are awed into silence and a forbearance of our own judgment, while we think of his accountability, who has done this act, to the great Head of the Church, who alone can judge unerringly of its impelling causes, and of all which may aggravate or extenuate his fault who has thus betrayed the trust once so solemnly committed to him.

He has gone from us forever. Be it so. Let the sad story of his

fall, with all its painful associations, pass, as soon as may be, into silence and forgetfulness, "and his Bishoprick let another take."

I would consider this event, then, at present, only in its theological connections and bearings, in the subject which I propose briefly to discuss. And in addressing myself to the peculiar circumstances of the occasion, I trust I may be allowed a somewhat wider range of remark, and a looser treatment, perhaps, than would befit an ordinary sermon. I have taken the text, not for the purpose of a formal exposition, but as expressing *a tone and temper of mind*, which it is the design of this discourse, at this time to encourage in ourselves.

It is not to be concealed, that the event already alluded to, is a disastrous one, in some of its aspects and consequences. It is not among the least unhappy results of this and the other defections which have taken place, of late years, both in our own, and in the mother Church of England, that they tend to bring into suspicion and disrepute, doctrines, principles, and persons, even the Church itself, with which they who have thus gone out from us, were once associated. These sad perversions are held by some to prove that Romanism is the ultimate, natural, and necessary result, of *Church principles*, especially—(I cannot well dispense with the word, though I do not particularly affect it)—of *High Church principles*. "See," it is argued, "these persons once held such principles, and they have ended by becoming Romanists; therefore these principles and doctrines necessarily lead thither."

The reasoning is plausible, though it may turn out to be only the very common fallacy of proving from a mere sequence of facts, their logical and necessary connection. And the mischief of this inference against Church principles is, that under a general term thus sought to be discredited, are classed indiscriminately, not only opinions and practices which *are* false and alien to our system, and of a Romish tendency, but also real and true principles and doctrines of our own Church; which, as good Churchmen we do hold, if we hold to the teachings of our Prayer Book, and of our great standard theologians. I may instance such doctrines as those of the Divine Constitution of the Church in the Episcopate, and the Apostolic Succession of the Ministry—Baptismal Regeneration, and the Real, Spiritual, Presence of the body and blood of our Lord in the Holy Communion; or the doctrine generally of Sacramental grace; and the importance of forms and ceremonies in religion as having much to do with the inward life and power thereof.

These and the like principles, it is alleged, lead naturally to Romanism. Romanism entire in its doctrine and practice, is their necessary complement.

And the charge is thought to be strengthened by the fact, that some who once held these views, have actually embraced Romanism; and it is implied, if not openly alleged, that they who still hold them and yet remain in the Church, do so by a happy inconsequence in their reasoning, or a lucky inconsistency between principles and practice. Is this to be believed by any reflecting and candid mind? Of the eighteen or nineteen thousand Clergymen, for example, in the English Church and our own, by a great majority of whom these principles are firmly held, can it be thought that the mere handful, comparatively, who have gone out, are the only ones who have the ability to see, or the honesty to follow, where their principles would lead them?

Can the few and mostly isolated secessions from our own Church to that of Rome, which have taken place within the last few years, be held to prove such an affinity between the two, as shows the transit from us to Rome to be natural and easy, and but the carrying out of our principles to their fair and necessary results?

Indeed this theory of *tendencies*, so plausibly urged against our Church, and which these miserable defections are quoted as evidencing, would lead us to curious and perhaps unexpected conclusions, in some other applications of it. For example: Within the last few years, many hundreds of their ministers and people have come over to us, from the various religious denominations around us. Will our Dissenting friends, from these facts, allow a "tendency" in their systems to Episcopacy? Will they admit such results to issue from the genuine and regular development of the principles and doctrines held among them? Of course not. They will say, that the deserters had first lost their hold upon the true principles of their own system, and somehow taken up new notions, and opinions, and sympathies; and that *thus* they were led away.

Again: It is notorious, that not a few of those who have thus left us, were of these very persons who came to us originally from the sects around us; and who, without ever having been grounded and settled in the true principles of our Church, seem to have made it hardly more than a point of transit to the Church of Rome; thus passing from one extreme to the other—from ultra Protestantism to Romanism. Now in the case of such persons, which is to be held responsible for the result, the religious system in which they were born and nurtured, which had the training of them, but failed to ground them firmly and unchangeably upon the truth; or the Church which never had a real hold upon them, and whose principles they never rightly understood, nor thoroughly embraced?

Again: at the very time that the Romanizing movement has been

going on among us, a counter movement of much greater significance has been progressing in Ireland, where, within the last few years, the Romish Church has lost more than thirty thousand members, who have conformed to the Protestant faith, by joining the Reformed Church of Ireland.

How stands the theory of *tendencies*, in view of facts so various, opposite, and conflicting? Can any thing more be soundly argued from these facts than this: that in a time of great intellectual activity, religious inquiry, and theological controversy, the minds of many, loosened, by one cause or another, from their old moorings, and setting sail in different directions, have arrived at very different havens, and in many instances, very distant from the spot whence they set out?

And this brings me to remark, that if we would rightly understand these defections, (thus sought to be turned against us) in their causes and bearings upon Church principles, and whether they should shake our confidence in the truth and strength of our position as Churchmen; we should consider them in connection with the great movement which has been going on in the Church of England during the present century, and more especially within the last twenty or twenty-five years. It has communicated its impulse to our own Church, which has shared many of its results.

It has been, not unaptly, styled *the Second Reformation*. To understand aright its character and results, we must go behind the present into a brief notice of the state of the English Church in the century preceding.

The eighteenth century forms in her history, for the most part, a dreary chapter. Speaking generally, it was an age of spiritual declension and barrenness, of religious indifference or active unbelief. Whether owing to a natural reaction from Puritan fanaticism and excess in the previous century, or to the Church's inability to perform her duty under the trammels of the miserable State policy to which she was subject, or to these and other causes, yet such was the fact. Convocation was suppressed. Erastianism had overspread the Church like a plague. The idea of the Church's Divine character, and independent spiritual constitution and powers, seemed almost lost; and it was regarded as a mere State establishment, its subservient creature and pliant instrument for political purposes. Its highest offices and emoluments were often bestowed upon unworthy men, as the reward for partizan services. Churches were suffered to go to decay and ruin. Divine Service was made almost hateful and loathsome by the coldness, indeliberateness, and oftentimes slovenly carelessness and indecency with

which it was performed. Theological learning received little encouragement, active zeal was viewed with jealousy, and any pretensions to spirituality and strictness of life, stigmatized as fanaticism. The Church was fast losing her hold upon all classes of society, and religion was at its lowest ebb. Of course there were shining exceptions to this state of things; but that the view is generally correct, abundant proof might be brought to show. It may not be amiss to quote one or two remarkable testimonies from one not given to exaggeration, the devout Bishop Butler. He lived and wrote towards the middle of the eighteenth century.

In a Preface to his great work, the *Analogy*, as showing to what a deplorably low state religion had fallen, he says: "It has come, I know not how, to be taken for granted by many persons, that Christianity is not so much as a subject of inquiry, but that it is now, at length, discovered to be fictitious. And accordingly they treat it, as if, in the present age, this were an agreed point among all people of discernment, and nothing remained, but to set it up as a principal subject of mirth and ridicule, as it were by way of reprisals, for its having so long interrupted the pleasures of the world." Again, in his *Charge to the Clergy of his Diocese*, he says: "I cannot forbear lamenting, with you, the general decay of religion in this nation; which is now observed by every one, and has been for some time the complaint of all serious persons. The influence of it is more and more wearing out of the minds of men."

Once more, as showing how the deep and fervent realities of Gospel holiness had given place to a mere cold and unspiritual morality, he complains, in his *Sermon "on the Love of God,"* that "we are got into the contrary extreme to enthusiasm, under the notion of a reasonable religion; so very reasonable, as to have nothing to do with the heart and affections." To this low and unspiritual state of the English Church in the eighteenth century, was owing the great Methodist schism, which, in its first rise and beginnings, appears to have been a quickening of spiritual life within the Church herself; but from unwise management, as is not unlikely, the movement passed wholly out of her, and ended in a permanent and extensive schism. The evils to the Church, of this schism, were the fruit of her apathy and spiritual slumber; and were vastly greater than Romanizing and all other evils which may have attended her re-awakening; especially when we consider the results for good which have already grown from that awakening.

During the present century, and particularly within the last twenty or twenty-five years, a remarkable movement has been steadily going on in the Church of England, extending through all its parts and de-

pendencies, sending its impulse across the Atlantic to our own Church, which has sympathized with it, and has shared many of its results. It may be characterised as, in the best sense, *a great Revival of religious life and earnestness.*

It has already borne abundant fruits, tokens of its reality and genuineness; and we have reason to hope that they are but the earnest of still greater and more excellent things to come. This awakening of spiritual life in the Church, has manifested itself in the increased holiness of its members, in a higher tone of devotion, and stricter rules of life—in the more frequent use of the means of grace—in the restoring, to some good degree, of the week-day and daily services of the Church—in the endowment of noble charities, and greater attention to the bodily and spiritual wants of the poor, the ignorant, and afflicted. It is seen also in the restoration of old and decaying Churches, and the building of new ones; there being more Churches built now by English Churchmen, every successive year, than were built in the entire last century. There is also a revived attention to Christian Art, especially in its connections with the Divine Service and Worship. In Theology, there has been a recurrence to the older, deeper, and better Divines of the English Church, and to the writings of Primitive Antiquity. One of the clearest and most gratifying tokens of the earnestness and reality of this great movement in the Church of England, is seen in the enlarged activity of her Missionary operations. There has been an increase of sixteen in her Colonial Episcopate within the last twelve years; and it now numbers twenty-six Bishops, most of them noble men of devoted zeal.

When there is added to this catalogue of good works, the strenuous efforts now making throughout the English Church for the revival of Convocation in its reality, to enable her by her own synodical action to meet the necessities of the times—an effort which has good hope of final success—may we not say that this movement has already produced great things; and may we not hope that God will prosper it to yet more glorious issues?

It was not, surely, in the nature of things, to be expected, that a movement fraught with so great a good, should have been unattended with some untoward results. It is not surprising that it should, in some directions, and in the case of some individuals engaged in it, have run out into exaggeration and excess. Nor is it difficult to see, how Romanism should, in some instances, have been a gainer, during this movement. It has been a period, as I have said, of keen intellectual activity, and rife with theological controversy. The old order of things

was breaking up. Side by side with this renewed life in the English Church, the Church of Rome, with her restless, unscrupulous, and proselytizing spirit, has been astir; employing, as of old, that "cunning craftiness whereby" she "lies in wait to deceive." The Romish Controversy has, in a manner, re-opened. Nor has Rome, with her arts, been without her success. Here and there an individual, or, at the most, a little clique or set of men, has been beguiled by that marvellous system of falsehood and deceit, with which even to tamper, seems to deaden the moral sense and blind the clear perception of truth.

Of this number, some have been drawn over to Rome by her pretensions to superior sanctity, and boasted opportunities for greater self-denial and holiness; won by the sentimentalities of her devotional practice, and the sensuous attractions of her multiplied rites and ceremonies. Some have been overawed by her exclusive claims to Catholicity. Some, restless, subtle, and speculative minds, have been allured by the promise of an infallible Guide, who should put to rest their doubts.

Others have succumbed to a galling sense of State interference with their own Church; lacking faith and patience to wait her deliverance from the oppressive thralldom in God's good time. Some may have indulged the hope of bringing about a re-union with Rome; or if not that, of assimilating their own system more and more to her's;—and disappointed in that expectation, they may have gone over in chagrin at their failure in engrafting into their own Church, Romish doctrine and practice.

Such I believe to be a true account of the defections from the English Church and our own, which have taken place during the progress of the great religious movement of which I have spoken. They are not its legitimate product and fruit, nor the expression of its real spirit and purpose. It is unjust to charge them upon it. Still more unjust is it, to hold what are called *Church principles*, responsible for what is either the result of their exaggeration and excess, or, as in most of the instances alluded to, of an utter departure from them. It is not by an advance upon the line of the true principles of their own Church, that these misguided men have gone out; but by an embracing of new principles, views, and sympathies, alien to their own system. They went out from us because they had come to be not of us. The inner bond of union and sympathy with their own Church had been fretted away by the indulgence of a morbid discontent at her supposed deficiencies, and by dwelling upon the fancied perfections of the Church of Rome. Their loyalty had been tainted, and their affections transferred to another than their own spiritual mother, before they actually renounced her. And

the very fact that they have gone, is testimony in favor of the Church they have left. It shows, that having imbibed the doctrines and spirit of Romanism, they could no longer sympathise with *her* spirit, nor stay within her. It is proof of the antagonism of the two Churches.

There is reason to think that this Romanizing reaction in our Church has nearly spent itself. One of its unhappy consequences, as I have said, has been to bring suspicion upon persons, doctrines, and principles, with which they who have been actors in it, were once associated. It is charged that *high views of the Church, of her Ministry and Sacraments*, have a natural affinity with, and almost inevitable tendency to, Romanism. Indeed, it is seriously to be questioned, whether, at present, we are not in less danger of Romanizing in our Church, than, from a sort of panic sought to be created from its results, of a retreat from those principles which, as Churchmen, we have hitherto held, to some lower position. When even things true and right have been, for a time, strained too far and too high, there is always danger of such a recoil to opposite extremes. "Truth or right," says Butler, "is somewhat real in itself, and so not to be judged of by its liableness to abuse, or by its supposed distance from or nearness to error." Yet this so important truth is apt to be forgotten, especially at such times as the present. Let us not, then, be driven by a dread of Romanism into any opposite extremes. Security from error lies only in the possession and steadfast holding of the truth; and truth is not apt to lie in extremes.

Our own Church occupies a middle position between the errors of Rome on the one hand, and those of the ultra-Protestant sects on the other. It was reformed by a wise moderation, *not* upon the principle of rejecting everything which had been abused by the Church of Rome, but upon a different principle. Our Reformers rightly judged, that as Romanism itself was the corruption of a more primitive and purer Christianity, so a Reformation, to be true and safe, must be wrought by a return to the purity and simplicity of the ancient faith and practice, and not by an utter overturn of the existing religion, and a building up upon entirely new foundations. While zealous to reform, they sought also to preserve; and in the whole of their great work, were governed not so much by a desire to get as far as possible from the errors of the Church of Rome, as to bring back all things to the faith and practice of the purer and better ages of the Church. "We are come," says Bishop Jewel, as near as we possibly could, to the Church of the Apostles, and of the old Catholic Bishops and Fathers; and have directed according to their customs and ordinances, not only our doctrine, but also the Sacraments and the form of Common Prayer." Such was, notoriously, the principle upon which the British Reformation was conducted.

But because our Church, at the Reformation, took up her position on a middle ground, has she ever since been exposed, and perhaps will continue to be, to the imputation, from extreme Protestants, of latent "Popery" lurking in her doctrines and ceremonies;—while on the other hand, Romanists deny her Catholic character and claims, and class her indiscriminately with the rest of Protestants; the truth being, that against both extremes, she upholds that Primitive System from which they, by their innovations, have widely departed, though in different directions.

Whatever may be our Church's nearness to and affinity with the Church of Rome, as alleged, yet that she does hold, as against that corrupt Church, a clearly marked and distinct *Protestant* position, appears in the fact, besides the express declarations of her Articles and Homilies, that she has furnished some of the strongest champions of the Protestant faith. And they are men in whose writings the true mind and doctrines of the English Church stand expressed. Such were Jewel, Laud, Braimhall, Andrewes, Hooker, Jackson, Taylor, Hammond, Bull, and a host of others I need not name. These men were *Churchmen*, most of them *high-toned Churchmen*; yet they were most able and staunch defenders of the Reformed religion. And the very position their Church had taken up enabled them so successfully to maintain her claims against those of Rome. Not only our first Reformers, but all the great Theologians of the English Church, have rested her cause, in the great controversy with Rome, fearlessly upon the judgment of Ecclesiastical Antiquity.

How successfully they have done so, is seen in the fact, that the most able and favored defenders and apologists of modern Romanism, base its claims upon the new theory of Development, alleging the evidence of Christian Antiquity for their own system, only in its first germ and rudiment; thus virtually allowing our own claim to the benefit of that testimony. Upon that ground the battle has been fought and the victory won. Our own Church stands forth as the representative of Primitive Christianity. And in that fact greatly lies our safety and our strength. Other Protestant bodies not only cut loose from Romish corruptions, but unfortunately they also departed widely from the Primitive and Apostolic system itself. And if, by such an utter remove, they have escaped the dangers of Romanism, (which fact and experience make us doubt,) they have, by casting aside the safeguards of the old religion, run into other dangers. Whole bodies of them have already fallen off into manifold forms of heresy and unbelief.

To be thoroughly grounded and settled in the true doctrines and

principles of our own Church, is, as I solemnly believe, the surest preservative against the insidious dangers of Romanism, and all other heresy and misbelief. Because it is to be grounded upon the doctrine and practice of that primitive Christianity to which our own Church, at the Reformation, was, as nearly as possible, conformed.

It is to be established in the faith of the Christian Church as it was before Romish corruptions had sprung up; and as it shall continue, when, as we trust, Romanism, as distinct from that purer and better faith, shall be overthrown and swept away.

Nor need we fear that the Church of England, with which our own is substantially one, will not prove herself, as in time past, so in time to come, the strongest bulwark of the Protestant religion. More nearly than any Church on earth, as we believe, does she in her forms of sound doctrine "hold fast the faith once delivered to the saints." More nearly than any other, is she identical in doctrine and polity, in life and spirit, with the Primitive Church of Christ.

"Go round about her and tell the towers thereof; mark well her bulwarks"—her venerable Creeds—the austere beauty and solemnity of her Ceremonies and Worship—the chastened fervors of her devotions—the unbroken continuity and succession of her Apostolic Ministry—the solid learning, the calm strength, and ripe wisdom of her noble Theology.

That any one should forsake such a Church as this, for one so far gone in superstition and idolatry as that of Rome, is lamentable indeed; but there is nothing whatever in the fact to move us from our steadfast abiding by her doctrines and principles.

In the review of the past, in the signs of the present, there is nothing to alarm or dishearten us as members of that branch of the Catholic Church of Christ in which God's good hand hath planted us. There never was a time when we had more reason to feel confidence in the truth and strength of our Church's position than now; never a time when we might more properly realize the sentiment of the text, "In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength." Let us not then lose our hold upon those principles which, as Churchmen, we have hitherto cherished.

This Diocese has occupied heretofore, in the American Church, an elevated position for true, sound, and high-toned Churchmanship. Let us not be willing that she should, in any way, fall back from it. Let us abide steadfast by those principles upon which, under God, the Church in this Diocese was established, and upon which alone it has ever flourished, turning aside from them neither to the right hand nor to the left. Let us hope that the impress stamped upon it by its first Bishop,

the lamented Ravenscroft, will remain ineffaceable. Ever blessed be the memory of that true-hearted man and noble Bishop! And may God raise up to sit in his See, one worthy to be his successor; one who shall be to us "the repairer of the breach, the restorer of paths to dwell in."

Beloved Brethren: We are once more met together in council, to deliberate for the welfare of the Church in this Diocese. We have, of late years, come up to these assemblings with uneasy fears and forebodings, and it may be, with something of mutual distrust and suspiciousness. Perhaps our zeal and vigilance for the preservation of sound doctrine among us have been too much mingled with the allays of human infirmity, of human passion and prejudice.

But all this, it is to be hoped, has passed away, and a more cheering future is before us. Our Conventions were once noted for their unanimity, and the absence of all party division and strife. So may it be once more.

If in the earnest and honest differences which have divided us, in the unhappy times gone by, anything of coldness and estrangement have grown up among us, let it now be forgotten. Let us auspicate the opening of a Convention, fraught to our Diocese, it may be, with most important results, by laying aside all coldness, and distrusts, and suspiciousness. And may *He* "who maketh men to be of one mind in an house," make us to be of one heart and one mind, as in the peaceful and harmonious times of old.

"O pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces. For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will wish thee prosperity. Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do thee good."

